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Executive

Letter Book

1854 & 1856

Gov. Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Oct 2nd 1854

A. Campbell Esq.
Portland,

My Dear Sir,

I beg to state that your favor of the 13th ult, was not handed to me until the morning of the 31st Mr Grover, the bearer of it not doing misplaced it so that it had been overlooked by him, I regret exceedingly that I did not receive it in time to have forwarded you the bonds by the 24th ult as you desired, I suppose now it is too late, You have thought it strange no doubt that you did not hear from me in reference to the subject at an earlier day, the above however I trust will explain the matter to your satisfaction,

Yours Sincerely
Geo L. Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Oct 2nd 1854

W. H. Farnar Esq.
Portland,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 22nd ult, has been received, I regret that Gov Davis having made the appointment of a Notary Public for Washington county previous to his resignation, it would seem to preclude the necessity of making

another officer of the like character for the same County. thus depriving me of the pleasure it would afford me to comply with your wishes in that particular— There is no county in the Territory save Clackamas, that has more than one such officer, and in that case both appointments were made by Gov Davis at the instance of petitions to that end

Yours Very Truly
Geo L. Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Oct 24th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Controller Treasury U.S.
Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Acting Controller Ramsey's letter of the 15th of August last, and one from myself dated on the 19th of the same month, in reference to the subject of compensation allowed me by Congress, at its last session, for discharging the duties of the office of Governor of this Territory in the year 1853.

I am very much surprised at the construction put upon this Congressional action by the Department, and protest most earnestly against it;

It was the intention of our Delegate Gen Lane, and as I have learned from him

and other source of intelligence at Washington, the intention of Congress that I should receive the pay of Govenor in addition to that of Secretary, as I had discharged the duties of both offices,

I do not wish to enter into any controversy with the Department upon the subject, but my only regret is that my condition in life were not such, as the expenses incident to the discharge of those extra duties were less important to me as an amount, that I might not do injustice to my family by declining any extra compensation whatever, as it is I leave the matter in the hands of those who so kindly sought to compensate me by the enactment of a law to that end which has been so misconstrued as to render the necessity of its passage quite a question of doubt

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Govenor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem October 2d 1854

Hon. C. T. Jones
Acting Register of the Treasury

Sir

Your communication of the 10th of August last has been received, and in reply thereto, I have to say that no deposition need be made in my judgment in the matter of estimates for the ordinary expenses of the Territory of Oregon

For the fiscal year ending June 30th 1856. from the appropriations made for the Territory, at the last session of Congress excepting in the first item of expense for salaries of Governor, three Judges and Secretary, as their salaries having been increased by recent act of Congress — The estimates therefor are given as follows, to wit;

For salaries of Governor, three Judges and Secretary — — — — — —	12,500.00
For Contingent Expenses of the Territory,	1,500 00
For compensation and mileage of the members of the Legislative Assembly, Officers Clerks and contingent expenses of the Assembly —	20,000 00

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Oct 2d 1854

Messrs Northrup & Simmons
Portland

Gentlemen — Your letter of the 20th ult has been received — the one you intimate having forwarded sometime ago failed to reach me — In reply to the subject matter of your letter I have to say that a short time since I received a note signed by Mr Tibbetts desiring me to forward to you a draft in his favor now in this Office for $63.26. I wrote promptly to Mr Tibbetts addressing in your care but it would require his presence in person or by Attorney in order that the proper vouchers

might be signed by the proper party. These vouchers are in duplicate receipt and check list from the Department of the Treasury to which a party receiving a draft subscribe his name either in person or by power of Attorney, If by Attorney the power is retained to go forward with the Vouchers & Inasmuch as it has occasioned you detention in the receipt of your money, I regret that my former letter did not reach in detention

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Oct 9th 1854

Col W. A. Ewan
Oregon City
Dear Sir

Your several communications have been receivd, In relation to the appointment of Adjutant, I have to say that such appointment rests with the officer in command of the Regiment — It is the usual custom to appoint a Lieutenant to that post, due regard being had to the qualifications to discharge efficiently the clerical duties of the position, The Commissions for the Commissioned officers of the 2d Regiment, were duly mailed to your care on Monday last

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Oct 10th 1854

Gen. Jos. L. Palmer
Superintendent Ind. Affs &c &c

Dear Sir

Reports are in very general circulation highly prejudicial to the character of the officer in charge of the Hudson's Bay Co's post - Fort Boise, reflecting as they do in the severest manner upon his conduct before and since the melancholy massacre of Americans near that place on the 20th of August last by the Weaver Indians.

If you are in possession of any information, or evidence, tending to contradict, or substantiate these reports, will you have the kindness to communicate the same.

I beg to enquire whether you have received instructions from the General Government in terms forbidding the Hudson's Bay Company to have trading establishments within the limits of our Territory, and in case of the existence of any such authority you to proceed against them summarily in accordance with the requirements of the Intercourse Law?

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Oct. 18th 1854

Nelson Coyle and
R. D. Mc L. A.

Commissioners Columbia Co

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 12th inst reached me this evening. I regret that there is no provision of law by which I would be enabled to gratify the good citizens of your county in authorizing an election to be held for the choice of a representative. The office never having been filled it is not a vacancy in the contemplation of the law. Nevertheless, should the people of Columbia County hold an election according to law so far as may be, and elect a Representative, the House of Representatives, without doubt, would give him his seat. The resignation of Hon Ralph Wilcox as Councilmen for Washington and Columbia Counties, not having been received, no writ of Election has issued for the filling of the vacancy.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Oct 31st 1854

Daniel R. Bigelow Esqr
Olympia. W.T.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst, in reference to the Cayuse War Claims of Messrs Ford and Coe, has been received. No Treasury draft for Cayuse War Claimants

may been received since last Spring, when the first appropriation of $100,000 was exhausted, $75,000 more was appropriated by Congress at its last session, no part of which has been disbursed, as yet, however, at least through this office. — The certificates of the parties named were duly forwarded to the Treasury Department.

As to when they may expect their pay at the Department before adjusted, to this can answer, I can only say when any drafts shall be received at this office the parties to whom they belong will be duly notified as usual, through the Territorial papers — the "Statesman"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry

Executive Office
Salem Oct 31st 1864

E. N. Bannan Esq
Pres. Board Com. Cap'l Building,

Dear Sir,

Herewith, enclosed you have a copy of a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury to Wm H. Rector Esq, which is made and forwarded at the request of Jno Whittlesey, for the guidance of the Board of Commissioners on State Capital Building &c &c

Yours Very Truly
Geo L. Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Nov 2d 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of Treasury U.S.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 12th and 19th of September last with their enclosures. Your communication to Mr Rector has been forwarded to him, That addressed to Mr Ogden, he having recently deceased was reenveloped, and forwarded to Dougald McTavish Esq Chief Factor &c of the Hudson's Bay Company. Agreeably to your direction, I possessed myself of its contents,

I shall take great pleasure in complying with your request and at an early day will furnish you all the information that is in my power, concerning this claim of the Hudsons Bay Company, growing out of the Cayuse War, and would be pleased to do so at present, but that I wish to confer with a party now temporarily absent

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 4th 1854

Hon Wm L. Marcy
Secretary of Territory of New Mexico

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy in English and Spanish each of the Journal of the House of Representatives for session commencing December 1st 1851, and the Journal of the Council commencing December 3d 1851, which I have caused to be placed in the Territorial Library

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 4th 1854

Hon Thos S. Allison
Secretary State New Jersey

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of the Laws of New Jersey Session 1854 which I have caused to be placed in the Territorial Library

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 4th 1854.

Hon A. Jackson
Secretary of State, Maine

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 34th Vol of "Maine Reports", which I have caused to be placed in the Territorial Library.

I am Sir Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Nov 4th 1854

Messrs H. M. Knighton
J. W. Watts, Dean Blanchard & others

Gentlemen,

I received this morning by the hand of A. E. Watt Esq, your petition asking the issue of the Executive "warrant permitting and authorizing" an election to be held in Columbia County for the choice of a Representative for said county. It is a matter of sincere regret with me that I can find no authority in the Statutes of the Territory that would enable me to comply with your request and I am thus deprived of the gratification such compliance would have afforded me, I beg to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter to the Commissioners of your county in relation to the same subject —

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 8th 1854.

N. H. Dickinson, Esq
Pres Board Pen Comrs

Sir

I beg to call your attention, and that of the Board over which you preside, to the enclosed extract from a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury. You will be pleased to forward to this office, in accordance with the wish of the Comptroller, at your earliest convenience, copies of the account or evidences of indebtedness upon which the drafts of the Board of Commissioners for the construction of a Penitentiary have been based. The Board will confer a favor by an observance of this rule, in future in the drawing of their drafts, that each draft may have such voucher in duplicate.

Before the payment of the salary accounts of the Commissioners - the affidavit required by the 11th Section of the Act, in relation to the construction of a Penitentiary, should be forwarded as a justification of said payment.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Nov 8th 1854

A. D. Fitch Esq.
Sec'y Board, Pen. Comrs

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst. was handed to me this morning by Mr Campbell, and the drafts spoken of therein, presented for payment. They were not paid for the reason that there are no funds of the Penitentiary appropriation on hand, or at least not a sufficient sum to meet either of the drafts. The $5000 Treasury draft returned to the Treasury by Gov. Davis, the occasion of which you are already apprized of, has been renewed, as I understand by letter from him, and may be received by next mail. Before these drafts Nos 10 and 11, can be paid, however, the affidavits required by the 11th Section of the Penitentiary act, must be forwarded as a justification of said payment.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 10th 1854

Capt Nathan Olney
Special Indian Agent &c &c
Dalles of the Columbia

Dear Sir

I should have

written to you before this, had it not been for a press of official business, in acknowledgement of the very patriotic and commendable spirit displayed by you, in the effort to arrest and punish the perpetrators of the unfortunate massacre of Americans in the vicinity of Fort Boise, on the 20th day of August last,

I have written to the President, and also to our Delegate in Congress, in which I have made favorable mention of your name,

Your prompt action, and that of the gallant men who accompanied you, has done for each and all the warm gratitude of the community,

I received a communication from R. R. Thompson Esq. but not until a long time after it was written, in which he stated to me his request to you to raise a volunteer force. Suffice it to say that your action meeting my approval and you would have been commissioned accordingly had not the delay in the reception of the letter prevented,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 10th 1854

Hon Wm Strong
Washington
Sir,

Your favor of the 3d inst, has been received, in reply thereto I say that you have not received any instructions because,

concerning either the auditing or payment of the claims incident to the Rogue River war, I would observe however, that all the claims growing out of the expedition which went from this Valley were audited by this office and forwarded to Washington quite a year since, & by my impression that those arising from operations in the more immediate vicinity of the scene of difficulties, were audited by the Board of Military Commissioners at Jacksonville, and were forwarded by said Board to the Department at Washington. I would adopt you to forward your claim for payment to Gen. Lane at Washington, who, most assuredly would be pleased to place it in the proper hands for settlement.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 14th 1854

C. M. Barnum Esq
Pres. Board Comrs Cape Building

Sir,

I beg to call your attention once that of the Board over which you preside to the enclosed extract from a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

You will be pleased to forward to this office, in accordance with the wish of the Comptroller, at your earliest convenience, copies of the accounts or evidences of indebtedness upon which the decision of the Board of Commissioners for the construction

"suitable public buildings at the seat of Government" have been taken.

The Board may confer a favor by an observance of this rule in future in the drawing of their drafts, that each draft may have such voucher, in duplicate.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Nov 18th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury U.S.
Sir.

By the mail of last night I receive your communication of 4th September last, and the accompanying ninety five Treasury drafts for as many Capt. & Lieuts Volunteers— amounting in the aggregate to $21,818.58.

I have given my attention to the memorandums you enclosed and beg to state as follows;

1st Respecting the subject of double awards"— Mitchell & Gilliam, granted by Commissioner Ward $117.75— Mitchell Gilliam, award by Commissioner Harding, $296.94— error in computation $49.86. These awards are to two different persons— the first was a private in the same company of which the second was Second Lieutenant— As appears by the Adjt Gen returns on file among the archives of the Territory. Mitchell Gilliam is therefore justly entitled to the sum of $247.08.

Wm R. Johnson, award by Commissioner Terry $226,90. This award is correct—he served in Company C. Wm Johnson two awards by Commissioner Harding, there is an error there should be but one award and that should be for the sum of $211,83— correction is made by deducting from the first award the amount charged and deducted in the second— I therefore return the draft for $38,33. The draft remitted for William Miller $113— is correct, He served in the same company (F) with M. R. Miller, since deceased. A second award to Gleyn Moore, by Commissioner Terry, for $172,50 has been forwarded to you, This is an error there should be but on award— that by Commissioner Harding is correct, and the draft received will accordingly be issued to Mr Moore,

2nd "In regards to Letters of Administration The Interested parties will be duly notified and the evidence required will be forwarded,— "Estate of Wm R. Miller, deceased- award for $118,50"— This a correct award as above explained,

3d "Hugh Burns Loan Commissioner &c"— Pages 49 and 52 Laws of Provisional Government of Oregon and Pages 286-7-8 and 317 "Oregon Archives"— which volumes are herewith mailed to your address— will show in substance, that Mr. Burns was put in office by Legislative action on 22nd December, 1849— that he reported to the Legislature his official doings on the 8th February 1849— and the Legislature action as to salary of Commissioners viz "three dollars for each day they have been so employed

with a just allowance for their private expenses" &c &c—, to be adjusted by the Board of Commissioners to settle Cayuse claims, which Board, however never met, and the law creating it, passed Feby 18th 1849. (Ch 56. Oregon laws) was superseded, by the act creating the office of Cayuse War Commissioner and defining the duties thereof, passed Aug 31st 1849.- the first session after the Territorial organization— Which law, by the way, was repealed last winter by the Assembly, inadvertantly, upon the adoption of the new Code— Consequently there has been no auditing of these claims since the 1st day of last May, when the New Code took effect. Doubtless the Assembly, at the ensuing session, will supply the omission by re-creating the office, There are about two hundred claims yet to audit, amounting probably, to twenty or thirty, thousand dollars, as I am informed by the recent Commissioner. Trusting that the foregoing explanations have been made to your satisfaction

I am, respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 30th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury U.S.

Sir,

I enclose herewith,

Commissioner Terry's certificate to Lessee Applegate for services and supplies furnished in the Cayuse War As you will perceive it was issued upwards of a year since. Understanding through Commissioner Terry, that Gov Gaines had already audited Mr Applegate's claim and forwarded the same accordingly to the Dep't, I with held this second appeal, which will account for it not having been presented for payment. It is proper that I should remark that Gov Gaines left no record in this office of his action in the matter of Auditing Cayuse war claims, and preferred to retain that record as his private property. Consequently accounts may have gone forward of claims which have been audited by him and forwarded, thus making, unprofitably, double awards. I now forward Mr Applegate's award with an endorsement upon the back of it of a sum ($302,00) three hundred and two dollars which he has since received from Gov Abernathy and which was improperly allowed in Gov A's award, by Commissioner Watt, and should now be deducted from the sum total of Mr Applegate's award, making $1285,55 instead of $1587,55, I forgot to state the understanding that there should be but one award to this Gentleman.

Probably Gov Gaines' award in the same case may not have reached the Dep't, as sufficient time has elapsed in which to have received a draft for it in case it has. May I beg that you will give your earliest attention to this subject so that Mr Applegate may get his pay at once as it has been withheld by means, from abundant caution, that the

has been thus long kept out of his just dues,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 20th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treas. U.S.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose eleven certificates of awards from Commissioners on Cayuse War Claims, for that number of claims— amounting in the aggregate to $ 865,53/100, a list of which and amounts accompanies the awards—

I am Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 27th 1854

Hon E. Whittlesey
1st Comptr. Treas U.S.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to enclose eighteen receipts for that number of Treasury Drafts on New York, and

San Francisco, amounting in the aggregate to $ 2203,78/100 which have been distributed to the proper parties agreeably to your instructions in satisfaction of their claims for their services and expenses in defending themselves and other inhabitants of Oregon against the hostilities of the Cayuse Indians.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Nov 25th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of Treasury, U.S.

Sir

By the mail of last night I am in receipt of your two communications of the 19th ultimo— Treasury drafts for Cayuse War claimants, and the various memorandums concerning awards to claimants growing out of said war— I have the honor to enclose herewith, my statements to each case required and officially signed, as desired.

In the case of Dr John McLaughlin the award was only for the face of the several bonds— no interest computed. In this case, in view of the various awards & representations, I would submit, whether it would not be just to allow interest at least for three years as required in the bonds, the last award by Gov Gaines was near four years after the date of the most recently issued bond—

In the case of Col, H. A. G. Lee, deceased, the Administrator J. W. Ross lives at a distance - some fifty miles, I will Communicate with him upon the subject immediately and should I not receive from him the original papers in due time, I will pursue the course indicated

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Enclosures (in the above)
Case of C. Plants - award by Commissioner Terry - It is to be understood that thirty nine days service only was performed, The figures of the award are correct - the date in the first allowance erroneous, On the 17th April 1848, Co. K, was formed out of the companies of Captains Garrison and English - therefore no one could justly claim for service in either of said companies, after 16th April 1848, Capt Garrison evidently made no return of his company for the short period it was in service, the fact of said service therefore had to be proved before the Commission before allowance could be made, Said Plants served also in Co L, from 16th May 1848, to July 8th 1848 inclusive - as appears by Adjt Gen's return

Case of David Goen (not Evans as in award) award by Commissioner Terry
The first allowance should be for fifty nine days only, not sixty days. The second allowance

should be for one hundred and twenty two days (122) instead of One hundred and twelve (112) as in the award,
The third item of allowance is correct.
By the books there seems to have been a double award in this case, The first was made by Commissioner Harding, on Dec 24th 1852, but is imperfect from the fact that he was not allowed for service in Co D, — and the same error as to the number of days service rendered exists as in the second, as above,
The award by Commissioner Terry, with the foregoing correction, is in full for all claims on the part of said Event.

Case of Caleb Geer, award by Commissioner Terry,
The same remarks as contained in the first paragraph in the case of B. Plante applies precisely to this case,

Case of John B. Neeon — award by Commissioner Terry,
The same remarks as contained in the first paragraph in the case of B. Plante, applies also to this case,

J. B. Knox — award by Commissioner Terry,
In this case the date April 14th in the award, is erroneous, it should be April 4th, making the actual time (80) eighty six days, as certified

Case of Dr Francis J. Snyder, award Commissioner Terry
I am unable to possess myself of sufficient information concerning this case to make a proper statement of present — Dr Snyder came in from the Indian country which the

Capt Company in service, and which was discharged on the 29th October, 1848. I do not know why allowance is made in this case to the 5th October

Case of John Munroe - award by Commissioner Terry. The muster rolls show that a person so named served for the period stated in Co G. As likewise a person so named in Co D. for the period stated in Commissioner Watt's award. - I am personally acquainted with the party of the award by Commissioner Terry. He lives at or near Lafayette in Glenville County.

Case of Thomas Monteith - Award by Commissioner Terry. This is for service in the California Expedition and should be (30) thirty days, not (33) thirty three as in award. The late payment to this party, was for another and distinct service

Case of William Barlow - award by Commissioner Skinner - This award was made on 20th January 1850, and has no connection whatever with the claims disallowed by Commissioner Watt in his award to Philetus Lee. This last transaction was some ten months subsequent to the first - And among the disallowed items by Commissioner Watt - which appear of record - no one like Commissary General appears

Case of John B. McClane - award Commissioner Harding for service as private Secretary

to Col Gilliam &c &c

Col Gilliam was not authorized to appoint a private Secretary by any law of Congress. Mr McClane is now residing in the State — probably somewhere in the State of Maryland

Ney Perce Robert — Two awards by Commissioner Rice on 29th July 1851 — Twenty two dollars fifty Cents each total of each award. On the margin of the record of these awards appears the name of Col N. A. G. Lee, Superintendant Indian Affairs 1848. as attesting the Affairs for which said awards were given. I apprehend there were two friendly Indians by this name. The Commissioner seems to have exercised caution and care in the matter as there is a reference on the margin of the record to an affidavit in each case by a party named William Craig —

(The above unsigned officially in each case)

Executive Office
Salem. Nov 27th 1854

S. W. Moss Esq
Oregon City.

Dear Sir,

I inclose herewith an extract from a letter from the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury in relation to the awards to Col N. A. G. Lee, deceased, for services in Cayuse War, Will you please, to procure the proofs indicated, and forward the awards if in your possession, with a copy of your letters of Administration duly authenticated and a statement of the case that will be satisfactory

to the Department.
Please apprise me by return mail of your action in the case, or otherwise a duplicate of the original will have to be forwarded from this office &c &c.

Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Nov 28th, 1854

Hon Wm L. Marcy
Sec of State U.S.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Oct 16th — addressed to Oregon City by mistake — and also thirty five copies of the Acts of the First Session of the Thirty Third Congress

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 14th 1854

Gen. E. N. Barnum
Sec. Board Com. Capitol Building

Dear Sir,
... I beg to call the attention of the Board of Commissioners

to the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr Rector in reference to claim of his against the government arising under a contract made with him by Geo Gaines in 1853. for work upon the Capitol Building.

The Board will please ascertain the amount and determine the value of the work done by Mr Rector under said contract, also the amount of damage, if any, occasioned to Mr Rector by the Legislative Assembly changing the character of the material of which said Building was to have been constructed, thereby making a portion of the work contracted for with Mr Rector inapplicable. The Board has already been furnished with a copy of a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury to Mr Rector, bearing upon this subject which I doubt not, will meet with that attention from the Board which it merits.

At your earliest convenience I will be much pleased to hear the determination of the Commissioners upon the matter herein referred to them. Whatever sum, if any, shall be found to be justly due to Mr Rector over and above the $2500. already advanced, the Commissioners will please certify to as indicated in Comptroller Whittlesey's letter.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Acting Gov of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem December 14th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treas U.S.
Sir

I have the honor herewith to enclose forty five receipts, for that number of Treasury Drafts on the Assistant Treasury of New York — Aggregating in the aggregate of $10,889.56. which have been delivered to the proper parties agreeably to your instructions, in satisfaction of their claims for their services any expenses in defending themselves and other inhabitants of Oregon against the hostilities of the Cayuse Indians, also two Treasury lists of the names of those in whose favor said drafts were drawn, which have been signed by them

I am Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 15th 1854

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treasury U.S.
Sir

Your favor of the 21st October last came to hand on the 14 inst.
In relation to the Cayuse War claim of Jesse Applegate, and particularly that item of $500 five hundred dollars, suspended, I have to say that the account is not claimed in whole or in part by Daniel Waldo, nor has it been included in any other award, or assigned and paid to assignee.
In the prosecution of the Cayuse War on the part of the Provisional Government of Oregon, Messrs Applegate and Waldo advanced one thousand dollars, jointly — $500, or each — to procure certain necessary supplies

of the Hudson's Bay Company, which amount is credited correctly in the account of said H.B.Co,
Mr Waldo's claim for services and supplies, including the five hundred dollars - his half of the above named advance - has been paid. Mr Applegate has never received his part of the money advanced, and it is most justly his due.
Others who advanced means took bonds for the amount advanced, drawing interest at ten per cent per annum. Under the practice of allowing interest would not Jno Applegate be entitled to it?
On the 20th ult I had the honor to address you concerning the award to Jno Applegate by Commissioner Terry, explaining why it had been withheld &c, and requested enclose a list of the items of that award which were proven to be rightfully due to Jno Applegate at the time his claim was awarded, since which Gov Abernethy paid him five hundred and two dollars (Jno Applegate not being aware, presumably of the fact) which should be deducted, as explained in my letter of the 20th ult.
In a statement of the claim of the Hudson's Bay Co, I shall have more to say in explanation of the bonds given by Messrs Abernethy, Applegate and Lovejoy to said company, which is the subject of Gov Abernethy's letter to you, a copy of which you have had the kindness to forward me, but which could in no wise affect the claim of Jno Applegate.
I have no doubt Gov. Gaines award to Jno Applegate is correct as far as it goes, with the deduction of the sum you have disallowed $15.- The allowance for his services in Capt Ketts company should be $45, as you have made it, and as it appears in Commissioner Terry's award. The other items which may not appear in Gov Gaines' award, and which were subsequently proven before the Commissioner, are justly due Jno

Applegate and ought to be paid,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 15th, 1854

Jesse Applegate Esqr.
Yoncalla.

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure to forward the enclosed letter from the Treasury Dept, addressed to you in my care, also copies of several letters in relation to your claim for service and expenses in the Cayuse War, which needs explain themselves.

I regret sincerely that the payment of your just due should have been delayed so long. Though you receive them by instalments, as it were, it is to be hoped that they will be finally settled, and satisfactorily to you in a short space of time

Very Respectfully
Your
Geo L Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 16th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treasury U.S.
Sir,

In the account of the Hudson's Bay Company for supplies furnished the Provisional Government of Oregon in the prosecution of hostilities against the Klamath Indians, I find that bonds were given to said company, by George Abernethy, Jesse Applegate and A. L. Lovejoy, jointly, for one thousand dollars—by H. H. Spalding for five hundred dollars—by Jesse Applegate and Daniel Wadas, jointly for one thousand dollars—by N. Burris and W. H. Wilson, jointly for two hundred dollars. These bonds have been filed to said company, and notes otherwise were given them at different times by the Commissary Dept, amounting to $4190 100, on the aggregate credit as appears on their account, with the exception of the $590,00 paid by Geo. Abernethy, on the bond of Abernethy, Applegate, and Lovejoy, on the 1st Nov, 1853, and subsequent to the rendition of said account, which is now included in the aggregate credit of ($3,119 55/100) three hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty five cents. This amount deducted from the debit side of their account amounting to ($4164 39/100) forty one hundred and sixty four dollars and thirty nine cents, leaves a balance now due the said H. B. Co. of $1044 84/100, one hundred and forty four dollars and eighty four cents. This sum appears to be justly their due, therefore the award of them by Commissioner Harding is correct after the deduction from the amount of said award of ($590,00) five hundred and ninety dollars, since paid them.

Geo. Abernethy in his letter to you of Sept 28, 1854, in explanation of the bonds given by himself and Messrs Applegate and Lovejoy, says that Messrs Lovejoy and Applegate signed the bonds as sureties. These gentlemen appear in said bond or note as principals, jointly with Geo Abernethy.

On 30th June, 1853, Commissioner Platt awarded to Gov Abernethy, as appears by the record, on account of the bond allowed to $999.41

On Nov 1st 1853, Gov Abernethy paid the H.B.Co.

H.B.Co ——— $590.00

In June 1854, Gov Abernethy

paid Wm Applegate — 302.00-892 00

Applegate having paid that

amount to the H.B.Co. on the 29th Jan, 1850 ———

Leaving a balance of ——— 107.41.

In a statement of the H.B.Co's claim ~~against~~ to

Wm Ogden's letter to Gov Davis, dated 24th July, 1854

appears this entry— "1850, Jan 29th By taxes due

by the Company to account of Abernethy, Applegate

and Brooks's bond 108.00" This is explained thus;

By agreement between the parties, the annual tax

due by the Company to the Provisional Government

of Oregon, amounting to $148.00 was to be a credit

upon the bond asked to be given. The time of the

transaction and agreement was in December 1847,

Gov. Abernethy's award has been paid, whether he

has or has not paid the amount of said tax

into the Territorial Treasury I am unable to say.

I am very respectfully

Your Obedient Servt

Geo L. Curry

Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon

Executive Office

Salem, Dec 6th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey

1st Comptroller of the Treasury D. C.

Sir

Augt the 15th

of July last Gov Davis in a communication to you upon the subject enclosed Gov Treasury drafts on the ~~Assistant~~ Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco for the purpose of getting them renewed, the time having expired, under the ruling of the Department, during which they should have been presented for payment. One No 6259 dated Oct 1st 1853, for $2000,00 belongs to the Appropriation for Public Buildings at the Seat of Government of this Territory — the other No 6250 for $5000,00, same date belongs to the Penitentiary Appropriation.

I beg to recall your attention to the letter of Gov Davis of 15th July, as above, and to request you to forward the renewed drafts if not already forwarded, as we hope — as soon as practicable, as Contractors upon these Public Works are awaiting their pay for labor performed.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 18th 1854.

Hon James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury, U.S.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you take cause to be forwarded with all convenient despatch, the funds appropriated to defray the Contingent expenses of the Territory of Oregon for the fiscal year ending on the 30th June 1855.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry, Governor of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 14th 1854

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury, U.S.
Sir,

I beg to enclose certified copies of Letters of Administration in the cases of Wm. T. Waller and Wm. A. Ford, to whose legal representatives warrants have been issued for their services in the Cayuse War.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 14th 1854

Hector Campbell Esq
Judge of Probate Clackamas Co,
Dear Sir,

The 1st Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, Hon Elisha Whittlesey desires to be furnished with a copy of the probate and letters of Administration in the case of W. A. G. Lee, which you will please forward to this office, duly authenticated by your official signature and seal, at your earliest convenience

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Jan 3d 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of Treasury U.S.

Sir.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the memorandum, inclosed in your favor of 14th Oct last, touching the Cayuse award of H. A. G. Lee, deceased, I herewith transmit certified copies of the instruments of writing desired, together with a copy of a letter from Abbot H. Abbot administrator &c, I do not know, anything otherwise or further of the matter than as stated by Mr Knox,

I am very respectfully
your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive office
Salem. Jan 16th 1855

Army Holbrook Esq
Oregon City

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst, inclosing a communication received by you from Hon Elisha Whittlesey 1st Comptroller of the Treasury of 29th November last in reference to a Cayuse War Claim awarded to you by Commissioners Lee on 12th November 1853,

I have to say that the amount in my judgment is correct. The mind upon which the award

is based, is cancelled and on file in this office. The facts are as stated in the award viz Bond to Philester Lee bearing date 28th March 1848— Amount $113.01 one hundred and thirteen dollars— interest from date at ten per cent up to date of award 12th November 1853— $93 56/100. There is no connection whatever between this award and the claim made by Philester Lee which was disallowed by Commissioner Watts

I make this statement over my official signature that it may have its proper influence with Mr Whittlesey to whom I presume you will forward it.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Jan 18th 1854

Hon, Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller. Treas. U.S.

Sir.

I have the honor herewith to enclose thirty six receipts for that number of Treasury Drafts on New York and San Francisco, amounting in the aggregate to $9,234 94/100, which have been delivered to the proper parties, agreeably to your instructions, in satisfaction of their claims for their service and expenses in defending themselves, and other inhabitants of Oregon, against the hostilities of the Rogue Indians—

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Jan 13th 1855

Jesse Applegate Esqr
Yoncalla,

Dear Sir,

Inclosed, herewith, a copy of a letter from S. W. Pres, Administrator of the estate of C. A. G. Lee, in reference to the account of said Lee for services in Cayuse War. You were intimately acquainted with the deceased, and should you know any thing further, or otherwise of the case than is disclosed by the letter of Mr Pres, you will confer a favor by informing me as soon as practicable, The family of Col. Lee, claim the amount of the award named, and the Department, wish the means of deciding whether the money shall be paid to them or the Administrator, to whom the award was issued,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Jan 13th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of Treasury. U.S.

Sir,

Since my letter of the 3d inst, inclosing a copy of the letter of Jno Ross Administrator of the estate of H. A. G. Lee, in reference to the account for said Lee's services in Cayuse War, I have deemed it to be my duty to forward a copy of that letter to Isaac Applegate Esqr of Yoncalla Umpqua county in this Territory, who was intimately acquainted with the deceased Lee, requesting that should he know anything either in addition to or otherwise of the case than is therein stated to inform me forthwith, that Mr Applegate's answer shall be transmitted upon its receipt.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Jan 23d 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of Treasury U.S.

Sir,

Enclosed please find account of expenses of investigating the expenditure of the Penitentiary fund incurred in pursuance of Joint Resolution of the Legislative Assembly passed at last session, and referred to in the account. I have caused to be forwarded to you a copy of the journals containing said resolutions—Page 149.

Under these resolutions Mr Campbell was appointed by my predecessor Gov. Davis, and has made a minute examination, and full report. On suggestion of Gov. Davis two suits were brought against two of the former Commissioners for moneys retained, one of which resulted in favor of the Territory for $271.00 and the other against it.

The amounts charged are duly certified by the proper officers under the resolutions, and appear to me to be fair and reasonable for the labor performed.

Before paying these accounts out of the Penitentiary Fund, as directed by the resolution I deem it to be my duty to submit them for your consideration and approval. Will have had no mail from out of the Territory at this point for upwards of seven weeks, until the arrival last night of the mail from New York of Dec 5th. The mail of Nov 20th from New York, has not yet been received. It was placed upon the Steamer Southerner at San Francisco, which Steamer is said to be an old, unsafe and condemned vessel. The reports concerning her are in substance that she had sprung a leak and had been "beached" in order to save passengers, mails and freights, near Cape Blanco, a point on the Coast some two hundred miles South of the Columbia river. The mail by her we expect in ale of ten days.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Jan 23d 1855

Robt. J. Atkinson Esq
First Auditor of the Treasury U.S.

Sir,

Your communication of the 29th Nov. last came to hand last evening. I have to say in reply that the claims of George Smith, David Goff, John Hegren, J. L. Fantis, Joseph Smith, John A. Johns, and L. Baum are for supplies furnished in the equipment of Capt. J. W. Nesmith's company of volunteers, called into service, by my proclamation, of 22d August 1853, as Acting Governor of the Territory, & are sent to convey certain munitions of war to the volunteer and regular forces engaged in repressing Indian hostilities in Rogue river valley — some three hundred miles distant from this point — and for the additional purpose of affording protection to the settlers generally in the Indian country. These claims were inadvertently omitted from the Muster roll and schedule of expenses attending the expedition and command of Capt. Nesmith, which were made up certified to and forwarded some fifteen months ago.

It is proper that I should remark that as to the time of these Indian difficulties there had been no organization of the Militia of the Territory — and there is only a partial and very imperfect one now. Therefore I procured the essential articles of the equipment personally and I know as to each item of expense incurred in the outfit of the expedition. Consequently I deemed that my certificate with the seal

of the Territory would be an ample voucher as to the correctness of the accounts.

Mr Goff furnished three horses in the equipment of said company, the price is left blank because he wished only such compensation per day as was allowed to others for similar service, Capt. Reynolds company was in service thirty days. I inferred that Gen Lane, who is well acquainted with all the circumstances of the Rogue river Indian difficulties, — the exigencies attending them, and the consequent responsibilities devolving upon the Executive, would have afforded such explanations as would be desired by the Department in the adjustment of the accounts.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Jany 27th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treasury U.S.
Sir,

Since my letter of the 25th inst. we have received to day reliable intelligence of the wreck of the Steamer Southerner on 27th ult, near Cape Hatteras — upon which Steamer were the mails from the Atlantic States by Steamer from New York of 30th November last which were wholly lost, together with the freight passengers and crew barely escaping with their lives. The Southerner was reported to be

an unseaworthy and condemned vessel and did not belong to the Pacific Steamship Company's line of steamers, having been chartered by that concern for the express purpose of carrying said mail. This serious occurrence I trust will be the means of putting an effectual check upon the employment of old and unseaworthy vessels in the carriage of the mails, as has frequently been the case with this company on this end of the route.

I write in order to apprise you that should the Department at Washington have forwarded by the Steamer from New York of 28th November last, communications, or mail matter of any description, to the officers of this Territory, or parties herein, that the same is wholly and entirely lost.

Will you have the kindness to make known to the various Departments of the Government the substance of this information, and especially to the Hon, the Secretary of War from whom some of the citizens of this Territory have been anxiously expecting moneys for the adjustment of their claims occasioned by the depressing of Indian hostilities in Rogue River valley in 1853. Drafts for such claims might have been remitted by the mail which has been lost.

Your favor of the 27th November last, in reply to mine of 7th Oct last, was duly received by last Steamer.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Jan 29th 1855

Hon Grant Green
Secretary of State, Kentucky

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two copies Laws of Kentucky, Session 1853-4. (2 Vols each) 1 copy Journal of the Senate, 1 copy Journal of the House of Representatives, 1 copy Monroe & Mallard's Digest, (2 Vols) 1 copy Revised Statutes of Kentucky, 1 copy Codes of Practice, 1 copy 13th Vol, Ben. Monroe's Reports, 1 copy Legislative Documents 1852-3, 1 copy Legislative Documents, 1853-4, which I have caused to be placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Jan 29th 1855

Hon Wm Trevitt
Secretary of State, Ohio

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of "Owens Revised Statutes, and the General and Local Laws of 1854," which I have caused to be placed in the Territorial Library"

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo. L. Curry, Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Jan 30th 1855

Judge O. C. Pratt,
Linn City,

Dear Sir,

Agreeable to instructions from 1st Comptroller of the Treasury, an executed bond for the indemnity of the United States having been placed in my possession, I herewith, enclose a duplicate Treasury draft in favor of Joseph Hess and forward to your address,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Jan 30th, 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treasury, U.S.
Sir,

Agreeably to the endorsement of your letter of the 18th Inst, I herewith enclose an executed bond of indemnity to the United States from Joseph Hess, principal, Orville C. Pratt and Samuel H. Culver sureties, for a duplicate Treasury draft, in favor of Joseph Hess, which has been transmitted to day to Judge Pratt,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Jan 31st, 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of Treasury, U.S.

Sir,

Your favor of the 14th ult, addressed to me as Secretary of the Territory has been received, In answer thereto I have to say that no digest or other convenient compilation of the Statutes of this Territory has as yet been published. The code of laws now in force were printed in New York last summer and my instruction to the printers were to forward as soon as published a copy each, to yourself and the Heads of Departments, besides those required by Law to be forwarded to the President and the Presiding Officers of Congress, Will you have the kindness to inform me whether such publication was received by you, and I shall then be able to judge whether my instructions were complied with. In the meantime I have caused a copy to be forwarded by this mail.

The Assembly authorized the publication of one thousand copies of the "Statutes of Oregon" Wm Bush Territorial Printer, brought 500 copies north here, via the Isthmus, on his return from the Atlantic States in September last, leaving the remaining half of the edition to come by sea to San Francisco and I regret to state that they were on the Steamer Southerner, and are lost by the wreck of that vessel, on the 29th ult, as I have previously informed you. Besides the Statutes there was 205 copies of the Journal of Council session 1854-5 on board of said vessel and likewise lost.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Secretary

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feby 2d 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir,

On the 11th December last I received official information of my appointment as Governor of the Territory of Oregon and qualified on the 14th of same month, a certified copy of which qualification is herewith transmitted.—

Through Gen Lane, the Delegate in Congress from Oregon, I learned that Benj F. Harding was appointed my successor in the office of Secretary, It was presumed that his commission, as he has not ~~received~~ it, was in the mail that was lost by the wreck of the Steamer Southerner. When I qualified, I had no doubt that the preceding mail would bring Mr Harding's commission, but that mail having been lost, and the session of the Assembly drawing to a close it became a matter of public necessity that the office of Secretary should be filled, and having been informed, in the manner I have stated, of the appointment of Mr Harding, I advised him to qualify as Secretary, as did the Chief Justice of the Territory and others, which he accordingly did on the 2d ult. I advanced him sufficient funds to meet the per diem, and mileage of the members and officers of the Assembly, which he has disbursed in such payments. Upon receipt of official information of his appointment, Mr Harding will give bond as required by law and forward for the approval of the Dept.

By next Steamer I shall forward my accounts and vouchers for disbursements as Secretary, and also, at an early day, those pertaining to that office

of the Executive,

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 2nd 1855,

B. Cahoon Esqr,
San Francisco Cal,
Sir,

Your note of the 6th inst has been received, I would advise that Mrs Tierney forward the bonds she holds to Hon, Elisha Whittlesey, 1st Comptroller of the Treasury of U.S. as he is the person authorized by law, or otherwise, in Oregon, to audit them, A statement of facts &c, should accompany the bonds — These bonds were issued by the Provisional government of Oregon in the prosecution of hostilities against the Cayuse Indians, One hundred and seventy five thousand dollars have been appropriated by Congress for the payment of the just claims arising therefrom.

I enclose herewith the bond transmitted in your letter.

I am respectfully,
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 26 1853,

John Allen Esqr
Petaluma, Cal,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received and in reply thereto I have to say, that Mr J. N. Robb of this place presented a powers of attorney and drew from this office the drafts you speak of – one in your favor the other in favor of W. D. Caulfield, Mr Robb informs me that he transmitted the drafts to Clark Abernethy &co, San Francisco, subject to the order of Mr C, and yourself.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office
Salem, Feb 16th, 1853

Benj Stark Esqr
Portland,

Sir,

In reply to your note of the 11th ult, I have to say that the appointment of Notary Public for Multnomah County had been made prior to the date of your application

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 3d 1855.

T. L. Smith Esqr
First Auditor Treasury

Sir,

I herewith transmit my vouchers for the disbursement, since the 1st August 1854, of the fund appropriated by Act of Congress August 14th, 1848, and June 11th 1850, for the erection of public buildings at the Seat of Government of this Territory, with an account current showing the present condition of the fund.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 3d 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir

I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor of the Treasury my vouchers for the disbursement, since 1st day of August 1854, of the fund appropriated by Act of Congress Aug. 14th, 1848, and June 11th 1850, for the erection of public buildings at the Seat of Government of this Territory, with account current showing the condition of said fund.

I herewith enclose a copy of correspondence had with the "Board of Commissioners on Capital Buildings" occasioned by your letter of 19th Sept, 1854, embracing

a full schedule of the vouchers and accounts upon which the drafts if paid Board have been drawn,

A letter similar to the one addressed to the above named Commissioners was also forwarded to the Commissioners for the erection of a Penitentiary, to which as yet there has been no reply, I have received verbal assurances, however, from a member of that Board that a full compliance will be made by the Commissioners to my request in this particular.

I beg to call your attention to the enclosed printed documents, to wit: "Report of State House Commissioners," and a communication from this office to the Assembly in reference to said fund and its disbursement

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 8th, 1855.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

The Legislative Assembly of the Territory adjourned on the 1st inst after a session of sixty days, which was held in the Capitol Building, two wings of which were so far finished as to admit of their being used for that purpose, The report of the Commissioners which I transmitted to you in the enclosure containing my letter of the 3d inst, will apprize you of the state of the work upon said

building and the estimated expenses to finish it. The Assembly, however, have passed an act to relocate the seat of Government establishing it at Corvallis, a flourishing town some thirty five miles above and South of this place.

A copy of this Act I enclose herewith, also copies of an act for the relief of John Force, H. M. Waller, and R. C. Geer - former Commissioners for the erection of Public Buildings - and Resolutions in reference to the payment of Contractors upon the Capitol Building. Some of the contractors have expressed a willingness to go forward with their contract and complete them.

I have deemed it my duty to forward the enclosed documents for your consideration, with the request that you will be pleased to furnish such instructions as will best indicate my line of duty, under the circumstances, and tend to promote its efficient discharge. While I am always disposed to recognize and respect the popular will; the responsibility resting upon me in the disbursement of the public moneys, of the Territory, would seem to require that I should advise with the Department and acquaint myself as to their judgment upon the questions involved in the legislative action to which I have solicited your attention.

I beg to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr Bannon, President of Board of Com. on Capital Building, in reference to compensation due contractors for work already performed.

I am, very respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feby 17th 1855

Hon Alexander Stone
Secretary of State Illinois

Sir

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of one copy of the 14th Volume of Illinois Reports for the use of the Territory, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Charles M. Leary
Secretary to Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feb 12th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to enclose this certificate of award from Commissioner in Cayuse War Claims to that number of claimants amounting in the aggregate to $257,28. A list of names and amounts accompanies the award,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feb 13th 1855

Hon S. H. Lenoir
Secretary of State Cal

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of "Three copies of the Journal of the Legislature of California of 1854" for the use of the Territory, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am also respectfully
Your Ob't Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Feby 12th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir,

In relation to the subject of your favor of the 18th December last — The question in regard to the services of Col. Lee from and after the 4th July 1848" — I find by investigation of the record of the awards for Oregon War Claims, — the Book and papers pertaining thereto being on the files of this office — that James Mattes, Colonel, and Joseph Magone, Major of the same Regt. of which said Lee was Lt. Col, were allowed for service, by Commissioners Watt, up to and including the 3d July 1848, and no longer.

Col. Lee, on the disbandment of the forces,

believe, was appointing Superintendent of Indian Affairs by Governor Abernethy, at all events on the 13th July 1848, he published a proclamation on that subject having reference to settlement in the Cayuse Country.

In connection with this Claim I beg to enclose a copy of the correspondence alluded to in my communication to you of the 18th ult.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office
Salem, Feby 9th, 1855

F. A. Mahoney Esq
Portland,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. has been received. Mr. Holcomb has sent a party himself to obtain the same information which you desire, but without avail, as there is no record of the allowance of such claim by the Cayuse War Commissioners whose books are in this office. It is quite probable that Gov. Caine audited the claim, if so, he alone can furnish you the information desired as this record of Cayuse awards has never been turned over to this office, & he declined to turn said record over, to the late Commissioners, being desirous of retaining it in his own possession.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry

Treasurer's Office
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 19th 1835

A. H. Tevis Esq
Sec'y Board Com'rs
Portland

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 6th inst came to hand by last mail, the enclosures I presume will be satisfactory to the Department. May I beg of you to go back somewhat further as to date in the transactions of the Board and if possible procure vouchers for the first thousand, six hundred dollars, paid by Gov. Dana to Commissioners King, Moore, & Preble gentlemen cannot have taken vouchers of some description for the disbursement of that sum of money and it is quite essential that the Department be in possession of evidences of the nature of the payments, it is proper that I should advise you that in consequence of the recent decision of the Supreme Court, in Commissioner King's case, I cannot pay the allowance made to Commissioner Ladd, in full. The item of seven dollars & 50 cts. $20, will have to be deducted,

In regard to that I have to return your account as Commissioners. If they do not accept the arrangement of the Law, I cannot appreciate the situation in which I am placed, & improper payments are made by me, or should the vouchers prove insufficient the payments are disallowed, the Department at Washington and all persons, in connection to the 11th Sec, of the Penitentiary act are large persons that the manner in which the Commissioners have rendered their account is not in accordance with the Statute, Services at so many "meetings" are charged instead of "days" — the Sec, 11th Penitentiary act, may perhaps be an inference that there were more than one meeting a day. The bills should state

the number of days service and the Commissioners shall certify the same by affidavit as to the number of days employed" — the Act to Penitentiary &c.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office
Salem Feby 20th 1858

Hon. Asbury Dickens
Secretary of the Senate, U.S.
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of twelve volumes of the work of Thomas Jefferson for the use of the Territory which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chester I. Long
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feby 20th 1858

Hon. Wm Bigham
Secretary of State Alabama
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of the 24th Volume of Alabama Reports for the use of the Territory

which have been placed in the Executive Office,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feby 22d 1855

Hon Jefferson Davis
Secretary of War,
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 2d ult; The Legislative Assembly of the Territory, at the present session, commenced the authorizing of an expedition by volunteer enrollment on the part of our citizens, to afford protection along the immigrant trail conducting into the settlements of Oregon, and to apprehend the perpetrators of the massacre at Ruckers Station, near Fort Boise, on the 20th of August last, but a copy of your communication of the 2d November last, to Gen Lane, in reference to the subject, having been brought to their knowledge, they abandoned the proposed expedition, and adopted a resolve, a copy of which I herewith enclose,

I would again respectfully urge the necessity of a military establishment at, or near Fort Boise, as the superior base for any and all operations against the hostile Indians of the surrounding country.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Feby 26th 1855

T. L. Smith Esq
First Auditor of Treasury
Sir,

I herewith transmit my vouchers for the disbursement, since the 1st day of August 1854, of the funds appropriated by act of Congress June 11th 1850, for the erection of a Penitentiary, with an account current showing the receipt & application of the funds

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feby 26th 1855

Gen Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I have the honor to forward to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury my accounts in disbursement of the funds appropriated by Congress for the erection of a Penitentiary,

I herewith herewith vouchers for the drafts paid by Geo Davis, with the exception of two payments amounting to five thousand & six hundred dollars. Of you will perceive by the enclosed extract of a letter to the Secy of Treasury Commissioner I have asked for vouchers for the payments of

showing how that money was disbursed by the Commissioners,

I beg to enclose a copy of the report of the Secretary, Commissioners made to the Assembly at its late session;

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, March 10th, 1855

Amory Holbrook Esq
Oregon City,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th ult. I did not receive until to day having been absent from this place for the last ten days.

I have to inform you that J. D. Tomlinson's Treasury draft for Cayuse War claim, amounting to $245 77/100, was drawn from this office on the 1st of last December by Mr. Hiram Wilbur, who presented and filed a sufficient power of attorney to enable him so to do; which with the voucher, has been transmitted to the Treasury Department. The power of Attorney forwarded by you is herewith returned

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem March 15th 1855

Hon. Bird Holland.
Acting Secretary of State Texas.
Sir

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of the "11th" Volume of the Supreme Court Reports of the State of Texas for the use of the Territory, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem March 15th 1855

Hon Grant Green
Secretary of State Kentucky
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of the "14th" Volume B. Monroe's Kentucky Reports for the use of the Territory, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Salem March 31st 1855

W. H. Matteson Esq
Eugene City

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. did not reach me until last week. The letter from the Secretary of War, which have been published in the Sentinel of the 17th, give assurance that a Regular State force of some seven hundred men will be engaged in the ensuing season, in the punishment of the Indians concerned in the massacre of August last near Fort Boise.

Of this you may rest assured that should the War Department fail to attend to the business the people of Oregon will be called upon to do so, although we have not the munitions of war to equip such an expedition in the manner it ought to be equipped, which was the prime cause of the failure of the Volunteer expedition contemplated last Autumn, arms, especially such as are suitable are difficult to be obtained.

In regard to the probability of our treaties being ratified, I have to say that the information I have obtained does not induce the belief that any of the unfortunate party were put to life. However I shall apprise the Superintendent of Indian Affairs — Gen. Palmer — of your statement

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office.
Salem April 7th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I am in receipt of your several favors of 11th January 10th and 15th of February, and eight January drafts for Cayuse War claimants amounting to $ 968.03, which will be distributed in the usual manner, I take this occasion to enclose the remaining vouchers - alluded to in my letter of the 27th Feby last - in pursuance of the disbursements of the Secretary funds by my predecessor Gov Davis,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office.
Salem April 17th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I would respectfully suggest that in view of the fact that the five thousand dollars of the Penitentiary funds of the original appropriation, which has just come to hand, will be disbursed in a few days for compensation to contractors long since due, and to relieve as much as possible the embarrassment occasioned to the work by delay in payments to contractors

in consequence of having on hands sufficient to make such payments, I have deemed it proper to request that ten thousand dollars of the present appropriation of $40,000 for such purpose be forwarded with all convenient despatch in drafts of one thousand dollars each.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem April 17th 1865.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir

By the mail which arrived on yesterday I was in receipt of your favors of the 22d and 28th ultimo last, and I have this day executed the bonds (the forms of which you forwarded) to the satisfaction of Chief Justice Williams who has placed one in possession of the Two Treasury drafts amounting to $2,000, Pray I beg the Department to bear in mind, hereafter, that to remit Treasury drafts to this Territory in amounts larger than one thousand dollars each, subjects the disbursing officers of the government here to considerable trouble and expense in getting them converted into specie,

The two thousand dollars for Public Building fund I do not feel that it is proper for me to disburse, in lieu as contemplated, until I shall have received your answer to my

communication of 6th February last,
although the expense for labor actually performed, prior to the action of the Assembly in removing the seat of government, far exceeds that sum,
I am authorized to pay the compensation due contractors for work already performed (see Commissioner Barnum's letter and other correspondence in regard 6th February last) it will be necessary that an advance be made from some other appropriation of $20,000 made at the recent session of Congress, and in that event you will please consider this as a requisition for a portion of that appropriation — say ten thousand dollars ($10,000) Of course no other disbursements unless those alluded to above will be made, until the Department shall have decided whether the work is to be suspended or carried forward to completion, which the appropriation of $20,000 will ensure,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem April 18th 1853.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir

I have received
your favor of the 3rd ult. and 5 Treasury drafts
for various claimants on account of Rogue

Rogue War amounting in the aggregate to $30,836,24.—

It will be my object in the distribution of these drafts to the owners thereof as it has been in my distribution of Treasury drafts to Cayuse War Claimants — to enable the respective parties to obtain them with the least possible delay and expense. In regard to your observation relative to Attorneys detaining drafts I should state that the claimants are scattered over the country two or three hundred miles distant from this point; of the Rogue River War claimants, especially, does this remark hold as seven eights of them at least are residing three hundred miles south of this place travelling in the Country is expensive and the facilities for it inconvenient and costly.

The owners of Cayuse drafts in many instances have empowered their friends or neighbors, whom business called to the Seat of Government, to obtain their drafts for them, and it has been the invariable custom of this office to allow no drafts to pass from our possession, unless to the party named in the draft, without a proper instrument of writing to warrant such act. However there have been parties no doubt who have made it profitable to purchase these drafts as opportunity offered.

I have deemed it expedient under the circumstances to cause your letter of the 30th ult to be published in the Territorial Paper — for the information of parties interested

I am, very respectfully 30
Your Obedient Servt...
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Dec 19th 1855

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I am requested to acknowledge your favor of the 3d inst. as to my reception of my commission as Governor and the date on which I took the oath of office &c, & beg to observe that on the 2d day of February last I had the honor to address you a communication in which I stated that I had received my commission on the 11th December last and qualified on the 14th of same month, which letter I hope has been received by due course of mail, as it contained information touching the non reception by me of any official communication as Secretary, undoubtedly it was in the mail of 28th November last and consequently, lost with the other mail matter for the Territory, by the wreck of the unfortunate Steamer Central America. I am therefore to you for informing me why my salary has not been paid, it has caused me considerable anxiety and inconvenience. In accordance to a previous decision made by you, the office of Governor being vacant, my salary as Governor ceased of course commenced on the 28th October, the date of my appointment. I enclose you herewith a Treasury draft for Cayuse War Claimants Amounting to $8084.46 which has been received.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis April 4th 1855

Hon W. W. H. Davis,
Secretary of New Mexico,
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry, to acknowledge the receipt by this office of One copy in English and Spanish, each, of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico of the sessions of 1852 and 53, and 53 and 54, for the use of the Territory of Oregon" which have been placed in the Territorial Library,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis May 6th 1855

Hon W. F. Hill
Secretary of State, South Carolina
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of one copy, Code digest for the use of the Territory of Oregon" which has been placed in the Territorial Library,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Executive of Oregon
Salem Oregon 30th 1855

N. J. Atkinson Esq
3d Auditor of the Treasury
Sir,

Herewith are transmitted the various claims for the equipment etc, of Captain J. McClennitts company of volunteers called into service in consequence of Indian hostilities in Rogue river valley (Southern Oregon) in August 1855, which were returned by you to Gen. Lane for further authentication and by him forwarded to me. Gen. C. A. Drew who acted as Quartermaster and Commissary to the forces in Rogue river valley and who was at the Quartermaster General of the Militia of the Territory being, of opportunely, transiently sojourning at this place forwarded his services to make out the accounts anew and in form, or at least according to the manner in which he made out those for the other companies, enrolled from the country in the vicinage of the theatre of war.

If there are other claims connected with the same company which need further authentication I beg you to return them promptly. Although it is very much to be hoped that the claim may be paid from the Schedule of the expenses of said company made up and forwarded in November 1853, already believed to be correct. My letter of the 23d January last probably gave you some information as to the fact that the force commanded by Capt Mcclennitts was a distinct expedition - that the claims arising from its enrollment and service I believed to be just and correct.

Besides the delay in the payment of these

claims incident to them - being returned here and again transmitted to Washington is a matter of the most sincerest regret the more particularly so, just this time as means are exceedingly scarce and business very dull

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Ft Vancouver Buteville
May 4th 1855.

T. B. Martin Esq
My Dear Sir.

A few days since I received your favor of the 17th ult, requesting the exercise of Executive clemency in behalf of Cleveby, Rush, Olson and others,

Prior to the receipt of your letter I had received a delegation from your county with a petition, very numerously signed, urging the same object,

It is [illegible] for me to express my sense of regret that men in such a position in society, and so generally respected, as were those who were concerned in this unhappy occurrence, being citizens too of the older and law abiding County of Jackson, should have sought to subvert & trample down the majesty and supremacy of the law, the influence of such a pernicious example would be to effect not only the well being of society but the very vitality of civil government.

I have made it my duty to acquaint myself with the case, and to learn that an official

has been taken to the Supreme Court that there is a doubt as to the sufficiency of the law and I have come to the conclusion that it is proper that the case should go up to the Supreme Court for a final determination. However I have also concluded that, at all event, the unfortunate parties shall not suffer the alienation of their Civil rights, and if it becomes necessary the Executive authority will be interposed to that ends

Will you do me the favor to exhibit this letter to Mr. James McBride for his perusal, to whom I should have written to apprise him of my determination, in consideration of the pack earnest and faithful efforts he has made, in connection with Messrs Sanders and Eaton, in behalf of the parties,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Off Home, near Waterville May 5th 1855

Hon James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury, U.S.

Sir,

It is my duty to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of 9th of March last enclosing on one of 16th of same month from Hon Elisha Whittlesey 1st Comptroller &c appointing me a Commissioner to audit claims, on account of the Cayuse War and affording me instructions as to the duties imposed by that appointment.

There has been much concern manifested by claimants, whose accounts are yet to adjust, I shall cause public notice to be made, so that they may present their claims without delay, and I will endeavor so to discharge the duties of Commissioner that justice shall be done to the claimants as well as to the Government"

The classification of the papers in each award heretofore made, which you seem to desire, will involve considerable labor. They are filed promiscuously without any effort at order or arrangement besides the record of awards made by Governor Gaines is not in the possession of the Executive Office, and I have understood from the present Commissioner that he declined to deliver it up. The other awards are all recorded in one volume which is in our charge. However I will do the best I can towards a compliance with your instructions, not alone in this, but in all other particulars,

I shall be at the Executive Office, at Corvallis, in a few days and will give these proceedings all possible care and attention. It is my impression that the balance of the appropriations, applicable for further payments, will be quite ample to satisfy all just claims, now outstanding,

Yours very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo S Curry
Secretary of Oregon

Secretary of Oregon
To Thompson Washington May 5, 1853
Hon. Alpheus Felch

Hon Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of three communications from you dated the 1st March last.

1st Enclosing 4 Treasury drafts amounting to $1,282.00 for Cayuse War claimants,

2d Enclosing 5 Treasury drafts amounting to $1,273.00 for Rogue River War claimants

3d Enclosing two awards made by Gov Lane, to Cayuse War claimants viz. Robert Newell and Geo W. Barnett - not considered complete; also an application for an award from Samuel A. Hexton for service in Cayuse War forwarded for my action as Commissioner etc,

Permit me to assure you that I will give these cases my earliest attention, on my return to the Executive Office at Corvallis, which will be in a few days.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office of Oregon
At Home near Butteville May 6th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the
pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 16th March ult enclosing a communication from the Hon James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury appointing me Commissioner to audit & settle Indian War claims, ready for and

unexamined on account of Rogue War.
I assure you Sir I will give my earnest attention
to the various points presented in the instructions
as to the duties of the Commissioner, I have
written under to day's date to the Hon. Sec'ty
of the Treasury.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
St Home near Batterdam Bay Or 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
2d Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I have on the
receipt of your favor of the 7th March last covering
an account on the number and amount of
Treasury drafts for Rogue River War claim
transmitted on 3d March last, & it is proper
to state that the discrepancy was discovered
upon re-counting and counting the drafts
shortly after my letter was mailed acknowledging
them receipt. The receipt of your favor
anticipated my purpose of apprising you
of the fact.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Superintendent Office
Corvallis, May 9th 1855

Hon. Wm. L. Marcy
Secretary of State of the U.S.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th March last, enclosing my commission as Governor of the Territory of Oregon.

I am, very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt,
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 1st 1855

W. T. Newby,

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst was handed me a few days since by Mr Short, In the application, made by a number of the citizens of Gamble County, for the pardon of Gourley, and others who have been found guilty of, and sentenced for a Criminal offence.

I have to say that I do not deem any official action on my part necessary, in the case, which has been finally decided,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis May 16th, 1855.

Wm. H. Farnham Esq
U.S. Attorney for Oregon,

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to examine the enclosed copy of an act requiring Commissioners for the erection of public buildings, to procure titles to lands on which such buildings may be erected, passed at the last session of the Legislative Assembly, and give me your opinion whether the Board of Commissioners for the erection of a University can proceed to the expenditure of the moneys now in the Treasury, without having obtained a bona fide title to the land whereon said University is to be erected, would bonds, for a title, or releases of the land to said Commissioners for said purpose by parties claiming it, be in accordance with the spirit of the act and a fulfillment of its provisions.

I am, very sincerely Yours
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 16th 1855.

James C. Strong Esq
Cattlamette (W.T.)

Dear Sir,

Your favors of May 16th ult, and 4th inst, have been received, on the matter of the Treasury deficit belonging to

The estate of Orrin N. Kellogg, deceased, have to say that it will not be proper for me to act in the capacity desired by Mr Dunbar, I therefore return the Letter of Attorney,

The Letters of Administration I return, and herewith enclose duplicate receipts for Mr Dunbar to sign in his official capacity as administrator and when they shall been signed and returned to this office, the Treasury draft will be permitted as Mr Dunbar may direct,

The Rogue River war claim I have certified to and you will now have to forward it to R. J. Hoffman Esq. Third Auditor of the Treasury,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 16th 1865

C. A. Dunbar Esq
late Quartermaster General
Salem

Sir

You are hereby notified that you have been relieved of the further discharge of the duties of Quartermaster General of the Territory of Oregon by reason of the appointment of Colonel Pfeiffer to that office, to whom you will be pleased to transfer all the official property in your hands,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 1st 1855

Col B. L. E. Bonneville
Fort Vancouver W. T.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, and to solicit an answer as to the number and character of the force designed to operate against the Rogue River Indians concerned in the Massacre of August last - in the vicinity of Fort Boise - and the probable time of their forward movement.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office
Corvallis. May 21st 1855

Messrs Marsh, Oppenheimer & Co
Scottsburgh,

Gentlemen,

By the last mail upon this route I received a letter from Thomas Smith, authorizing me to forward to you a Treasury draft in his favor for seventy in Rogue river War amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars. - Said letter was dated 12th inst. and enclosed duplicate receipts.

I would have been very much pleased to have complied with Mr Smith's requirements, but fee has rendered it out of my power to do so.

in this particular instance, inasmuch as previous to the date of said letter-he had signed other duplicate receipts and forwarded them in a letter of prior date drawing said draft for $150= to be handed to the bearer of said letter Mr Jacob Waggoner, which was accordingly done on the 17th Inst.

I beg to enclose the autograph and receipts.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis. May 21st 1855.

Wm Johnson Esqr,
Jacksonville,
Sir,

Your note of the 12 inst has been received. I infer that the money of which you inquire is on account of services in Rogue River War, if this be the fact I can state that the Government is now engaged in paying the expenses of said War, through this office by the remittance of Treasury drafts for the several claimants, every mail bringing additional drafts. About fifty thousand dollars, thus far have been received. Our mode of getting the drafts to the owners of them is by forwarding them duplicate receipts to sign and return, when the drafts are drafts are forwarded as may be directed.

The pay of the soldiers- Personal service- it is said will come through the hands of the Paymaster. Major Alvord, at which, however,

I have no official information,
I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 16th 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your favor of the 4th April last I have to enclose the bond of Benjamin F. Harding as Secretary of the Territory, which has been executed to my entire satisfaction.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 17th 1855.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d of April last, with its enclosures of Treasury drafts on account of Rogue river War. amounting to $5,697.57 Upon its receipt, I forwarded to Mr Hyllyer

a Copy of your favor of the 24th March last, together with the Treasury draft which it covered, in satisfaction of the Cayuse War Claim,

As soon as Gen Palmer, Superintendent of Indian Affairs shall have executed the bond required, the Treasury draft in his favor for $3000, 00, now in my possession, shall be handed to him.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office
Corvallis, May 21st 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

I herewith enclose awards for the Cayuse War Claims of Geo M. Barnett and J. A. Jackson, which claims were referred to me in your letter of the 17th March last.

In the case of Robert Newell, further proof is required, of which he has been notified.

I beg to enclose three awards of former Commissioners on Cayuse War Claims, with a list of the names of the parties and amounts of the awards.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis June 1st 1855.

Hon. W. R. Benham
Secretary of State Alabama,

Sir

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt by this office of one copy of the 25th Volume of the "Alabama Reports," for the use of the Territory, which has been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.

Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis. May 31st. 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir,

I beg to solicit your attention to the enclosed copy of letter from Dr John McLaughlin, touching certain Cayuse War claims. In reference to the matters of interest alluded to therein I have to say that I have heretofore expressed my views to you and in accordance therewith and my instructions I have made an award in favor of Dr John McLaughlin for $ 588,20 being for three years interest upon the Loan Commissioners Bonds lately held by him, the principle of which was paid him within a few months past.

In order to acquaint you with the character and conditions of these bonds, I take the liberty herewith to enclose one, which you will please return at your convenience, in order that it may be appropriately filed.

There are parties here Dr McLaughlin who claim interest from the date of the cancellation of the bonds and my impression is that former Commissioners made it a rule to allow interest from date up to time of making award. However, I apprehend that there are but very few of these bonds now outstanding, making in the aggregate but a small sum.

Dr McLaughlin intimates that A. L. Lovejoy's award assigned to him for $1,524,20, has been disallowed. If such be the fact it would be satisfactory to the parties to know the reasons for the disallowance of the award,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
G. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis June 25, 1855,

A. P. Ankeny Esq.
And other Petitioners,
Columbia County,
Sir,

The petition signed by yourself and others for a remission of the fine in the case of Wm C. Moody, for selling liquor without license has been received, There is a

question in my mind whether I have the right to permit fines imposed in cases of this description where I so disposed. Under the circumstances I am compelled to decline granting the prayer of the petition, similar requests have been preferred to me in numerous cases of a like character and I have invariably declined granting them.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, June 26th 1855,

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I have the opportunity of returning the within Treasury draft for $1000, 00 in favor of Hugh Burns, in consequence of this having been paid that sum, on a Cayuse War claim allowed for services as Loan Commissioner, at the Treasury while in person at Washington, about the last of April 1853, as I ascertained from him in a personal interview a few days since, from memoranda of Cayuse War Claims you have submitted to me at various times for investigation among which is one in the name of Hugh Burns for services as Loan Commissioner &c &c, and upon which I made a statement under date of 19th November 1854, based altogether upon the supposition that Hugh Burns had not been paid for his services. I presume that the enclosed draft for $1000, was

remitted for the payment of that service, of as it would be a double payment for the same service and I have therefore declined delivering the draft ordered pending satisfied that the draft has been unintentionally issued. I feel justified in returning it for cancellation.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Svt.
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office
Corvallis, June 26th 1855.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller of Treasury
Sir,

In the acknowledgment of the receipt of your favor of the 18th April last with the enclosure of Treasury drafts for Oregon War Claims, amounting to $286.76, I have to say, that in the case of Phileta Lee to which you call my particular attention the draft in his favor for $29.60 is correct. The award to which you allude in favor of Amory Holbrook as Trustee was on a Quartermasters bond executed to said Lee for $145, with interest, and numbered 149. The bond named in the award which the draft for $29.61 is remitted to pay, was numbered 157 and was for $50, upon which a part payment had been made.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Svt.
Geo L. Curry Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis June 27th 1855.

Hon Charles Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 5th ult. with the enclosure of Treasury draft on account of Rogue river war amounting to $4,673,07/100.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis June 27th 1855,

Hon Wm L. Marcy
Secretary of State U.S.
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 31st ult. enclosing me of the transmission of thirty five copies of the Act of the 2d session of the 33d Congress, all of which have been duly received,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis June 27th 1855,

Geo. H. Stewart
Clerk District Court
Yamhill Co,

Dr Sir.

Enclosed herewith I send you pardons for Nicoby, Buck, Edson, Samuel and Alfred Hogg, David Frost and Geo. Roberts, You will please make yourself acquainted with the respective documents, and upon the compliance on the part of the several parties with the conditions of the pardons, You will hand them over as they are addressed, but not until the fine shall have been paid. As it is my intention that the pardons shall not take effect until the fines are discharged,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, June 30th 1855,

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey,
Pay Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

By this mail I have forwarded to the First Auditor, my accounts for disbursements of the funds in my hands for the erection of a Penitentiary.

In addition to my requisition for ten thousand dollars, I have now to request that ten thousand dollars more of the appropriation of last Congress for said purpose be forwarded

immediately in Treasury drafts of one thousand dollars, each,

The object of this requisition is to save time and prevent Contractors from the inconvenience and expense of delay in receiving their compensation, which they have heretofore been subjected to.

The first requisition will be disbursed upon its receipt and the vouchers for the said payments it is my wish to transmit for adjustment immediately thereafter.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, June 30th 1855,

T. J. Smith Esqr
1st Auditor of the Treasury,
Sir,

Inclosed herewith for adjustment my account for the erection of a Penitentiary, with an account current and vouchers for in support thereof.

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, June 30th 1855,

John Green Esq
San Francisco, Cal,

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been received, but has been in other Treasury Department, at this office for your pence the one for which we have your receipt dated May 5th for $14,11,20, the witnesse on the receipt are D. M. Kenney, and John Anderson, which draft was forwarded according to your request to Canyonville, Post Office, Douglas County.

Gen H. Ambrose is Indian Agent in Southern Oregon, the Agency is at Jacksonville, your claim for damages will be settled through that Department.

As a volunteer in the Rogue River War you are entitled to 160 acres of land. Your application for the land should be made to the Commissioner of Pensions, D. C. Wilkes Esq.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Corvallis, July 2, 1855,

Messrs Robert & Oscar A. Dufour
Forest Grove, Washington Co,

Gentlemen,

Your note of the 19th ult has been received, your names are upon the roll of Capt Lee's Company, which together with the other rolls is soon as completely transcribed will be transmitted to the Interior Department at Washington, ...

This course I have adopted as the one best calculated to give full satisfaction, the necessity for a certificate of service will therefore be remedied

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem July 5, 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

On my return from Corvallis to this place to day I am in receipt of your favors of the 10th 16th 17th and 18th of April last by Steamer which brought us New York dates to the 20th of May. — In reference to your letter of the 17th in which you have been pleased to furnish me the decision and views of the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury upon the act of the Assembly selecting the Seat of Government of the Territory, I have to say that no money have been paid "under instruction of the Legislature" having reference to the removal of the Seat of Government" and that the work on the State House at this place has been in status of suspension since the passage of said act.

About the 20th of March last I caused the Executive offices to be removed to Corvallis, no additional expense to the government has been caused by so doing except that arrangement upon the transportation of the files and furniture of the offices, which account remain unpaid and I

would work if possible, to have the sanction of the Department in paying them, as under the circumstances the personal use of precaution out of respect to the Legislature unless expressed by the Assembly.

In regard to existing indebtedness to Contractors for work performed on the Capitol building at this place prior to the passage of the Act of 16th January last to relocate the seat of Government I beg to refer you to an enclosure in my letter of 8th Feby last and to a later letter containing a requisition for ten thousand dollars to pay the outstanding drafts made by the Commissioners in favor of Contractors for work performed by them under their Contracts before any Legislative action took place in reference to relocation.

It is very desirable that the means should be here to liquidate this indebtedness as soon as possible, as the parties have felt themselves aggrieved in having been already kept from the receipt of their just dues for an inconvenient length of time

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem July 14th 1855

Hon J. L. Villepigue
Secretary of State

Sir,

I am requested by the

Governor Geo. L. Curry, to acknowledge the receipt of 5 Copies each of the Laws and Journals of the State of Florida passed at the 7th session of the General Assembly 1854 & 55, for the use of the Territory, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Territory

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, July 26th 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
City

I herewith enclose awards in favor of Legion War Claimants from No 692. to No 699 inclusive, amounting in the aggregate to $

The Justices being anxious for the speedy payment of what appears to be justly due to them, and feeling satisfied myself that the appropriation is abundantly sufficient to liquidate all the outstanding claims, and therefore waiving the necessity of reading the payments, - I have deemed it proper under the circumstances to forward the awards for payment.

A list of the names of the Justices and the amount of their respective awards is also enclosed.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, July 26, 1855

Gen John F. Miller,

Dear Sir,

I have caused a copy of your letter of the 9th ult, to be forwarded to the Secretary Department at Washington, — I shall respect of the payments of any just claims is delayed in consequence, — But the course pursued by you, Does in the abstraction of the duplicates accounts of the expenses of the Rogue River war, left no other alternative, — In the meantime whatever Treasury drafts are delivered from this office can only be taken to mean that they are to liquidate just claims,

No more drafts will be forwarded by mail, but will be handed to the proper Agents in person or to their regularly appointed Attorneys, which you will please make known,

Yours very respectfully
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem July 27th, 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey,
Ist Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have deemed it my duty to cause the enclosed copy of correspondence to be transmitted, — It is in relation to the expenses of the Rogue river War, Probably a schedule

of the accounts addressed to this office showing the items and amount of each account, will be satisfactory, excluding the accounts of Capt Reynolds' company, which constituted a distinct expedition, and which accounts I know to be correct as they passed my own inspection,

If the enclosures have not their proper destination write you do me the favor, to place them in a course to reach it,

It is needless perhaps for me to assure you that no Treasury drafts for the payment of the expenses of the Rogue river war will hereafter be delivered from this office unless we are satisfied of the correctness of the expense,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, July 28th 1855.

Col H. K. Craig
Ordnance Department,

Sir,

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 2d ultimo, informing me of the quota of arms allotted to the Territory of Oregon. Some embarrassment has been experienced on several occasions in consequence of the scarcity of arms in the Territory. The isolated position of Oregon, the numerous tribes of warlike Indians within the circuit of her settlements — her extensive & increasing

frontier, and the almost constant liability to Indian depredation, make it peculiarly requisite, for the general security of life and property, that sufficient munitions of war should be always available.

In making this requisition for the arms yet short for the Territory — and you will be pleased to consider this communication however deficient in form it may be — I beg to be permitted to rely upon your better knowledge as to the ratio of difference existing in valuation, between the different descriptions of arms. You will therefore confer a favor by making such selection or arrangement as to the number and character of the arms, as your own judgment shall dictate. Undependent of muskets and "Colts Revolvers" No 1," with the appropriate accoutrements, sufficient to arm several companies, — one or two 6. pound howitzes, with caisson, would be quite essential to an efficient equipment in the character of service required in this Country.

These arms may be addressed to me as Governor of the Territory, and forwarded to Salem, Oregon.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, July 28th, 1855.

Hon Ethiel Whittlesey
Ass't Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

Enclosed you will please find a duplicate Treasury draft for $ 3000,00, in favor of Joel Palmer, Supt Indian Affairs, transmitted to me in your communication of the 3d Inst last, which I now return for cancellation, as the original was preserved among a portion of the Indian matter, in the wreck of the Steamer Southerner, and reached the possession of Gen. Palmer,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Sev't

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office
Salem, July 28, 1855,

The Board of Commissioners of
Columbia County,

Gentlemen,

In the matter of the fines imposed in the case of Wm. C. Moody for selling spirituous liquors in less quantity than one quart, without a license in which an application was made to this office for a remission of the fines imposed I now address you for the purpose of suggesting that the fine of Fifty dollars imposed upon Wm. C. Moody in the second and last case be allowed to stand upon his license, particularly as there are circumstances attending the case of an extenuating character,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Sev't

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, July 28th, 1855.

Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York,

Sir,

I have to request that you will stop the payment of a draft of the Treasurer of the United States on the Asst Treasurer at New York, No 7938, in favor of Treasury Warrant No 4524, and dated February 25, 1855, in favor of John Green for $1,411,20/ as said draft was obtained from this office by fraudulent means.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, July 28th, 1855,

Hon Charles Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have this day written to the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at New York, to stop the payment of Treasury draft No 7938, on Warrant No, 4524, dated February 25, 1855, in favor of John Green, for $1,411,20 as said draft was obtained from this office by fraudulent means — the signature of Mr. Green, and the two attesting witnesses, to the receipt having been forged.

The draft was in payment of Mr. Green's claim in the Rogue river Indian War — for

Blacksmithing &c,

As Mr. Green is a poor man, and exceedingly in need of his money, it is the more to be hoped that the information may be received in time to cause the payment of said draft to be suspended,

Mr. Green proposes to visit Washington, in the course of a few months, and will see you personally in reference to this matter,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Aug 1st 1855,

Col Samuel Cooper,
Adjutant General U.S. Army,
Sir,

At the request of Gen Joseph Lane, I have caused to be forwarded herewith a "Record of the Enlistment and discharge of the first Regiment of Oregon Riflemen," in service under the Provisional Government of Oregon, in the years 1847 and 1848, against the Cayuse Indians,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Corvallis July 5, 1855,

C. W. Savage Esq,
Dayton — Sir,

Your note of the 23d. ult, has been received, I hasten to inform you that the rolls of the several companies of volunteers engaged in the Cayuse War, are being transcribed and as soon as completed will be forwarded to the proper department at Washington, The affidavit you request would not serve the desired purpose, The above course however will remedy the necessity of any proof of service, as your name is on the roll of Capt Lee's Company,

I am very respectfully
your Obedt Servt

Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem August 6th 1855,

Hon W. W. H. Davis
Secretary of New Mexico,
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "One copy of the Laws, and a copy in Spanish and English each of the Council Journals of the session of 1851-2 and 1852-3, of the Territory of New Mexico, For the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library,

I am respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem August 6th 1855

Hon J. W. Denver,
Secretary of State California,
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Gen. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "two copies of California Supreme Court Reports for the use of the Territory of Oregon," which have been placed in the Territorial Library,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem August 6th 1855;

Hon A. Jackson
Secretary State of Maine,
Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Gen L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "One Copy Vol 36th Volume Maine Reports" for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Sept 10th 1855

A. G. Smith Esq
1st Auditor of the Treasury,

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose my account for the disbursements of the contingent fund of the Territory for the year ending June 30th 1855.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Sept 10th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have this day sent to the First Auditor of the Treasury for adjustment my account for contingent expenses of this Territory for the year ending June 30th 1855.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Sept 20th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
2d Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th inst, with the enclosure of Treasury draft for Cayuse War Claimants amounting in the aggregate to $4485,27

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Executive Office
Salem, Sept 20, 1855

Geo. Summers, Esq
Atty for Jefferson Lowe
Astoria

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 16th inst has just reached me. There is on Treasury draft on this office for Jno. Lowe, When his claim was audited he received a certificate of the fact, setting forth the items and the amount due. It will be necessary that this certificate should be forwarded to Washington, to the 2d Comptroller E. Whittlesey, If you have the certificate you had better forward it at once and save the delay of sending to this office, and at the same time forward the evidences of your being the Attorney of Jno. Lowe, and the draft will be remitted to you.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Geo L Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Sept 20th 1855;

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I am in
receipt of your favor of the 31st of July in reply
to my letter of the 31st May last. I have communicated
the contents to Dr McLaughlin, Permit me to
suggest that a reply to the last clause of section
of my letter of 31st would no doubt be
equally satisfactory to those concerned which
is as follows.

"Dr McLaughlin intimates that A. L.
"Lovejoy audit assigned to him for $1,534,20,
"has been disallowed, If such be the fact it
"would be satisfactory to the parties to know
"the reasons for the disallowance of the award."

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt,
Geo L. Curry
Governor Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Sept 21st 1855;

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

Your
communication of July 30th with its
enclosures, touching the adjustment of my
account as Secretary of the Territory, has been
received & is necessary that I should

communicate with Mr Bush, Assistant Painter, before replying thereto. As he resides at Corvallis, a point some thirty miles distant from this place, I will be obliged to cause copies of the letter and inclosures to be made and forwarded to him, so that he may be able to make such satisfaction in the premises as is desirable.

I am also in receipt of your favor of the 27th July last relative to the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of the Agnus Asnot in favor of the Estate of Col. H. A. G. Lee.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt,
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Sept 21st, 1853

Hon James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury and
Ex-officio Pres't Light House Board.

Sir,

We beg to call your attention to the fact that notwithstanding the appropriations made by Congress for the establishment of Light Houses and fog signals at Cape Disappointment and Umpqua and bars at Columbia River, we are yet destitute of those essential facilities to the security and prosperity of our commerce.

Our increasing commercial interest demand prompt and efficient

action towards a settlement of the maritime interests contemplated by the several acts of Congress bearing upon the subject,

We are very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servants

Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

John M. Couch
Richard Hoyt
Commissioners on Mileage

Executive Office of Oregon
Salem, Sept. 23d 1855

Hon Charles Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir.

In reply to your favor of the 4th ult. in reference to the Payne War Claim of Abraham Brown, I have to say that it is a correct and honest claim. Judge Pratt's statement of the award corresponds with the record of Commissioner Skinner. It appears that no interest was computed upon the two bonds, one for $25.00 dated Dec 27th 1847, the other for $38.36 dated 4th February 1848, the award was made on the 29th of November 1849. Whether any Treasury draft has ever issued in payment of the claim I am unable to say.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Sept 24th 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I herewith enclose 16 awards for Cayuse War Claimants from No 701. to No 704. inclusive. from No 706. to 710 inclusive and from No 712 to No 718 inclusive— with a list of the names of the claimants and the several amounts of the awards.

Will you have the kindness to furnish me a list of the claims audited and awarded by Gen. N. J. Grimes. There is no record, as I have before advised you, of his action as Commissioner, in this office, he having declined to turn over said record, and there is danger, as you will readily conceive of double awards being made if such check is not provided.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Sept 24th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

I beg to enclose three certificates of awards from

Commission on Cayuse War Claims
to that number of Claiments — amounting
in the aggregate to $ 57.175; — A list of Names
and Amounts accompanies the Awards.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Sept 24, 1853.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

In answer to your favor of the 25th July last concerning the Cayuse War Claim of John B. McClane, I beg to remark that I should be disinclined to favor the payment of $125. per month to Mr McClane as Private Secretary to Col Gilliam, there being no law to authorize such service, which would have probably conflicted with the duties of the Adjutant of the Regiment, I am by no means disposed to doubt but that Mr McClane is justly entitled to the pay of a Private — $1,50 per day — for the three months he was engaged on the service,

From what Mr Harding has stated to me I think it altogether proper that a Treasury draft should issue in his favor pay for 69 days service at $1,50 per day — $103,50.

None on which Mr McClane claims ownership
viz. Robert McClane for $332,25. and D. D.
Boon for $124 2 are in doubt rightfully
in this succession and should be paid to
him, although they are not assigned to
you are aware there has been a great deal
of informality in the matter of the
assignment of Cayuse War Claims, although
the claims have been transferred in good
faith.

The voucher of Mr McClane is not
known. the certificate of Mr Boon I enclose
herewith.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Sept. 25th 1855.

Hon A. Bigger.
Register of the Treasury,
Sir.

Your communication
of the 2d of August last has been received and
in reply thereto, I beg to enclose the subjoined
estimate of expenses for the Territory of Oregon,
for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1857.

For salaries of Governor, three Judges and
Secretary — Acts 14th August 1848, and July
27th 1854, — 12,500. —

For contingent expenses of the Territory 1,500. —

For compensation and mileage of the
members of the Legislative Assembly,

Offices, Clerks, and Contingent
Expenses of the Assembly $20,000

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt,
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Oct. 3d, 1855.

Hon. E. B. Collins
Secretary of State Indiana,

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of two copies of Acts of 1855, and Vol 4. Porters Indiana Reports. for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed on the Territorial Library,

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt,
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Oct 3d, 1855,

Hon J. W. Denver,
Secretary of State California

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of three copies "California Statutes"

for 1855, for the use of the Senators & Congressmen which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Asahel N. Dennis
Secretary to the Territory

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 16th 1855.

Hon James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury U.S.

Sir

I have the request that you will cause to be forwarded with all convenient despatch, the funds appropriated to defray the Contingent expenses of the Territory of Oregon for the fiscal year ending on the 30th June 1856.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 16th 1855.

Brevt Capt Charles P. Stone
In command U.S. Arsenal
Benicia California

Sir.

I have been informed by Col H. K. Craig of Ordnance

Department, that you have been instructed to issue to me for the Territory of Oregon, its quota of Arms for 1855, in such Kind as may be designated.

I have therefore to request that you will forward with all convenient despatch, seventy three Revolvers in lieu of the 137 muskets, due the Territory as its quota for 1855,

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem Nov 28th 1855

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir,

By request of the Parties Interested I send Enclosed Ten Vouchers Awards, Numbers 719 and 720, in favor of B. F. Harding and Chester N. Terry Amounting in the aggregate to $1373.00 —

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Portland Oct 14th 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir

I beg to state that by the last Steamer I have received your favors of 27th and 29th August last and those of the 1st and 3d of September. I am compelled to defer replying to those letters so far as they may require reply to a more convenient time.

We are in the midst of a very serious Indian war. A powerful combination of tribes upon our Northern and Southern Frontiers who have invaded the peace of our Territory with all the horrors of a ruthless warfare, has employed me day and night in making the requisite preparation to repel such hostilities and protect the lives and property of our people.

In a few days I shall be obliged to be absent with the troops at Fort Dalles and it will depend much upon the nature of the service as to the time when I may be enabled to communicate with you. I assure you however that it shall be at the earliest practicable moment.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Portland. Oct 15th 1855.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir,

I crave a moment to say that since my arrival at this place I have received the communications herewith enclosed to which I beg to solicit your attention.

That from the Territorial Auditor Mr Bush, relates to your letter apprising me of the adjustment of my account as Secretary of the Territory, the date of which I cannot give as the original is on file in the Executive Office at Salem, I beg to assure you that Mr Bush's letter is a plain statement of facts, and I know that it will meet at your hands your usual candid consideration;

The one from Mr Fitch. Secretary of Board of Penitentiary Commissioners, refers to your Communication of 29th August last informing me of the adjustment of my account for disbursements out of the funds for the erection of a Penitentiary. I send the originals in both cases as I have not time to cause them to be copied.

For further information as to the position of public affairs I respectfully refer you to the files of newspapers which I have caused to be addressed to you. You will please do me the favor in case these files reach you, to apprise Gen Lane of their receipt, as I know from the

friendly relations subsisting between you, I trust he will have the privilege of a perusal.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Gi. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Dec 18th 1855.

Thos. J. Eckerson
Military Storekeeper of Ordnance U.S.A.
Fort Vancouver.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 2d inst reached me a day or two since at Corvallis.

The requisition for the guns of Ordnance the Territory of Oregon was made on the 28th July last, Col Craig of the Ordnance Department informed me under date of 2d June last

"By the existing regulations the arms due will be delivered at any place within the Territory, situate on navigable waters, or otherwise easily accessible, which may be designated by the Governor designated to Col Craig, a place to which I wished these arms to be forwarded. In reply under date of the 13th September last he says:

"Accordingly orders have been given to Bvt Capt Charles P. Stone, in Command

of the U. S. Arsenal, Benicia, California;
to issue to you 1919 muskets, and 191,900
percussion caps — being equal in value
to 1937 1/2 muskets — As the caps
used for these muskets are of a particular
construction and can only be obtained
at the U. S. Arsenal, it was deemed proper
to include in the order 191,900 being 100
per musket &c &c."

I have therefore, under the circumstances,
to express my surprise that these arms
have not only not been delivered "at any
place within the Territory," but that they
should have been stored at an expense
to the Territory, at a point outside of its
boundaries.

When I had given my word to you that
from our quota of arms should be deducted
the arms you furnished upon my requisition
to the volunteer forces of this Territory, it
was quite gratuitous — altogether supererogatory
in Gen Wood or any other officer at your
post to have directed that deduction to be
made.

I shall have to communicate with Capt
Stone in command of the Arsenal at
Benicia California, furnishing him a
copy of the correspondence between the
Colonel of Ordnance and myself. In
the meanwhile, before I shall have
determined as to accepting these arms
at Vancouver, as those due to the Territory,
I take this opportunity to thank you for
the prompt and efficient service you
have rendered in assisting the people

of the Territory to repel the attacks of hostile Indians.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem. Dec 15th 1855.

Bvt Capt Chas P. Stone,
In command U.S. Arsenal,
Benicia Cal.

Sir.

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a correspondence in relation to the quota of arms due the Territory of Oregon, to which I have to solicit your attention. You will be pleased to observe that these arms have not "been delivered at any point within the Territory," but have been stored at a place outside of its boundaries and at an expense which is sought to be charged against the Territory.

As you will perceive Gen Craig informs me that you have been directed to issue to me 1,91,900 Percussion caps, They have not been received nor any other information concerning them.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem January 11th 1858

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Sir.

Your favor of November 3d 1855. requesting information in regard to accounts certified by me in favor of Geo W. Seyburn. for services in Cayuse War &c &c &c is at hand

1 at $1,50 per day — $118 50
Upon which was deducted — 65 75
Leaving due $52,75

Commissioner Harding made account April 2d 1858 in favor of Elijah Seyburn, for services in same Company, same time, same amount and from which same amount was deducted &c

On examination of the records I find that Geo W. Seyburn and Elijah Seyburn, relatives, served as above indicated in same Company, same time and each was paid the above amount.

Pay to each 1 Blanket $3 75
To them jointly 1 Horse $124,00
One half to each — $62 00

I am therefore satisfied that no trouble that there can be any collision between the two accounts or that paying the account to Geo W. Seyburn would be making double payment

I am remain most sincerely
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Legislature of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem January 11th 1856

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir.

Yours of 15th ult
September 1855, on the subject of duplicate
Treasury Draft for $300.0, in favor of Joel
Palmer, has been received, and I take this
the first leisure moment to answer
your inquiry.

Since the issue of the original draft having been recovered from the wreck of the Steamer Southerner, upon which duplicate has been issued, other than the one above mentioned. If any other shall come to my knowledge I will promptly inform you.

I take occasion in this place to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 18th September 1855, in relation to Rogue river war claims, and the issuing of drafts therein, And to say that in all cases where I have reason to believe that parties are not legally entitled to drafts which have been issued to them and in my hands I will withhold them and immediately communicate the fact to the War Department.

I most respectfully request that drafts on unpaid Rogue River war claims be forwarded at the earliest convenience of the Department as the parties are

waiting with much impatience for the money which is due them.

I am Sir most sincerely
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

State of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, January 11th 1856

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I beg leave to call your attention to the subject of your letter of date 18th October 1855, in which it is said, "A letter cannot be written to go by the mail that will leave New York on 20th instant in detail" in reply to your favor of 28th of January last enclosing therein certain accounts, charges for investigations, attending a misapplication by two former Commissioners of moneys retained out of the appropriation applicable to the building of the Penitentiary" "You will be advised by the next mail of the result of the examination"

Nothing on this subject other than the above has come to hand = Complete ruin in all probability impends, the parties interested are anxious to know the decision of your Department = I therefore hope you may be pleased

to inform me of such decision at your earliest convenience.

Please accept my acknowledgment for your favor of the 15th September 1855 in relation to stopping payment of Treasury Draft Numbered 7968. in favor of John Green for the sum of $1,414.20 and for that of November 3d 1855 transmitting 11 Treasury Drafts which were issued upon Cayuse War claims adjusted, and amounting to $9979.90 with list of names &c

I am most respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem January 15th 1856

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have received yours of November 3d 1855 informing me that the award in favor of Andrew Wood had been mislaid, and requesting a duplicate of the award which I have now transmit

I take occasion here to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of November 1st and November 3d 1855 = The first in relation to Cayuse War claim of Dr John McLaughlin. The second in reference

re Cayuse claim of A. Lovejoy
assignee re Dr McLaughlin &c

Sam'l Respectfully
Govt Adjutant Gen'l
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem January 12th 1856,

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
Ass Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

Yours of August 11th 1855. in relation to Treasury draft No 7529, on Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, in favor of Martin T. Brown or order for $366. is received.

And in accordance with your request will give my views as to the necessity of showing affirmatively in or on the face of letters of administration, that they are granted to the person or persons legally entitled to them.

Our Statute directs as you state. But the Probate Court of this Territory are Courts of Record (See Oregon Statute Page 340, Sec 18) and have jurisdiction of all such matters. And I think the order decree or judgment of the Court upon any matter within its jurisdiction, is conclusive evidence that all the facts necessary to authorize the making of such order decree or judgment were made satisfactorily to appear to the Court. And until such order decree or

judgment shall be reversed I think it would be conclusive evidence that such facts do exist.

Then I would think that letters of administration to an individual by a Probate Court, were of themselves evidence that the individual was legally entitled to them, although there be nothing upon the face of the letters showing that such individual was a creditor or next of kin to the deceased.

Courts of record are presumed to know the Law or it ought not to be presumed that they act contrary to it, for that their Decrees & judgments are in violation of the Law until they are reversed or set aside.

Whether a person applying for letters of administration is a creditor or next of kin to the deceased is a simple fact to be ascertained by the Court from evidence. and I would not consider it necessary to encumber the record with the decision of that and other preliminary questions of the same character, especially as the granting or withholding letters virtually decides that and all other previous questions and leaves the decision out of record.

If the foregoing views are incorrect, the administrator is in all cases required to give Bonds with security for the faithful execution of his trust according to law. and acts under authority and by direction of the Court, and his acts until his letters are revoked should be binding upon all persons interested in the Estate, and any payments made to him while so acting would discharge the

debtor, and if the heirs or creditors were injured by his acts he and his sureties would be liable upon their Bonds. So far as I am acquainted with the uniform practice of the Probate Courts in this Territory to issue letters of administration in the form prescribed in the Statute without requiring that the person to whom they are issued is next of kin or a creditor to the deceased.

I shall be glad, as will several honest claimants in this Territory, if you can concur in the opinion herein expressed. But if you cannot, I would, knowing your desire to allow all claims justly due, ask if those claims now held, or heretofore assigned by administrators under Letters of Administration heretofore granted, cannot be paid upon production of evidence such as the certificate of a magistrate, or the affidavit of a disinterested person, that there are heirs or creditors of deceased who will be entitled to receive the money upon the final settlement of the accounts of the administrator according to law.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

P.S.
Since writing the above I have received yours of Nov 6th 1855 in relation to Account in favor of Thos Graham Decd to which the foregoing remarks are considered applicable
Respectfully Yours &c
Geo L. Curry
Gov of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem January 15th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.
Sir.

Yours of 28th November 1855, in relation to forwarding evidence upon which awards for Cayuse Claims have been made together with the Muster Rolls of 1st Regiment of Oregon Riflemen has been received. The evidence upon which awards have been made will be forwarded.

In regard to the Muster Rolls the original ones upon our books have been and by the many removals of the Archives of the Territory, from place to place, and the loose and perhaps careless manner in which they have been kept at times, some of them have been lost, or at least cannot be found. At the close of the war they were all transcribed under the direction of the Adjutant General of the forces of the Territory in obedience to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory under the provisional Government, adopted 7th day of February 1849. The present form of Government was organized on 3d of March following which is printed on page 277 of Pamphlet entitled "Oregon Archives."

A copy of the Muster Rolls as thus transcribed was forwarded by me to the Adjutant General of U. S. Army, and as I am informed by your letter of November 19th 1855. which has also been received, is now on file in your office. The copy is certified by me

according to facts and circumstances within my knowledge as you will see by reference to the copy.

When I consider that at the time of these proceedings there was but little communication between this country and the State, And the fact that during that year it was worth great difficulty that the Officers of the Army, or the Government in this Territory, could procure, Books and Papers even of the most ordinary kind on which to do business, it is not surprising that there should be found much irregularity and informality in their proceedings.

All of the Minute Rolls and Papers connected with this war, constitute a portion of the Archives of the Territory, and afford much valuable information in regard to its history. It appears to me peculiarly proper, that the originals should be preserved here, and it will cause dissatisfaction if they are removed. I therefore hope that you and the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury will assent to their remaining with the people of the Territory, and accept of copies for the use of the Department.

Copies of November 2d 1855, in reference to the claims of Tompkins, Ford, Packard and Knox, with its enclosures has been received, and will have my attention at the earliest moment I can command for the purpose.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, Jan 19th 1856.

Hon Jefferson Davis
Secretary of War,

Sir.

I herewith transmit the enclosed copies of despatches respecting the successful operations of the 1st Regiment of Oregon Mounted Volunteers, called into service by my Proclamation of the 11th October last for the expulsion of Indian hostilities upon Northern Frontier.

It is my purpose to recall the volunteers and discharge them from the arduous service in which they so honorably distinguished themselves, as soon as the regular troops shall have taken permanent occupation of the country bordering our settlements in that quarter, now the scene of active operations.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem Jan 19th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir.

I herewith enclose sixty four receipts for that number of Treasury Drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, amounting in the aggregate to $49,208,26.

which have been delivered to the Superintendents in the usual manner, in satisfaction of their claims incurred in the Rogue River war in the year 1853.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, Jan 23, 1856.

R. J. Atkinson Esq
5th Auditor of Treasury,
Sir

I beg to enclose herewith an account for services rendered in the Rogue River war in 1853.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem, Jan 24th 1856.

R. J. Atkinson Esq
First Auditor,
Washington D.C.
Sir.

Yours of December 6th 1855, in reference to account of Captain Skinner's Company of Volunteers in Rogue River war, which enclosures has been received,

And I now write to give explanations in regard to claim of Joseph Coy, for $400,00 with 10 per ct interest, and No 221, in favor of said Coy, dated July 23d 1855, a copy of which accompanied your letter of above date.

The money for which this claim is made I borrowed of Mr Coy at a lower rate of interest than was at that time being paid by individuals borrowing money in this Territory, and gave him the receipt therefor, which was transmitted to your Office by Hon Joseph Lane of N of Sept, with his communication to you of 2d of March 1855, and acknowledged by yours to him of March 8th 1855.

This money was taken over by me to Capt Hesmith as is shown by his receipt herewith transmitted, under circumstances fully stated in his letter to me of 22d inst, which is also herewith transmitted, and by him expended in the subsistence of his company. For $353,25. of the same he took vouchers, which are herewith inclosed, and the remaining $46,75. he expended for the same object under circumstances which rendered the taking of vouchers impossible, as stated in his letter, together with some $ 4 of his own money. of this I have not the slightest doubt.

Inasmuch as the claim of Mr Coy is just, it is to be hoped he may receive his right at an early day for the amount of $400,00 and interest at the rate specified in the Bond given by me to Mr Coy as before explained.

I am Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

C. I. C. [illegible] N Mexico

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem, January 30th, 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir.

On the receipt of your favor of Nov. 1st, 1855. informing me of the decision of the Hon Secretary of the Treasury, in the cases of Andrew Hood, D. B. Henry, John McCord and D. D. Tompkins, I immediately informed the Attorney of Messrs Hood & Tompkins, of the same.

That on the 30th inst he transmitted additional proof, in the case of Tompkins with letter of that date, requesting that Mr Tompkins case be again submitted to the Hon Secretary of Treasury, in accordance with your kind suggestion. And I herewith transmit all the proof in that case, and the letter to me from A. S. Watt Esq attorney for Mr Tompkins, that they may remove the objections to the payment of the claim.

In the case of Mr Hood I also transmit proof and letter of Mr Watt, in reference thereto.

As suggested by Mr Watt I have a general recollection that Mr Hood had at that time several persons who were wounded or were taken sick in Cayuse War, for whom he provided, attendance &c. I believe his claim to be just and hope its payment may be allowed.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry Gov of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office.
Salem, Jan 31st 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.
Sir.

By this mail I have forwarded to the First Auditor my accounts for disbursement of the fund in my hands for the erection of a Penitentiary and Public Buildings at the Seat of Government.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, Jan 31st 1856

T. J. Smith Esq
1st Auditor of the Treasury,
Sir,

I enclose herewith my account for disbursement of the fund in my hands for the erection of a Penitentiary and Capital Buildings, with an account current and vouchers in support thereof.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, Jan 31st 1856

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir.

I herewith enclose the evidence upon which certain awards were based, transmitted sometime since in favor of Cayuse War claimants. In the other cases where there is no parole testimony the evidence is of record character.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, Jan 30th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have been requested by Mr Phillips Foster to address you on petition to a Cayuse War award in favor of H. W. Petty now for $110,07, which was forwarded by Gov Gaines. A copy of the award is herewith enclosed. Mr Foster claims to be the assignee in the said award and states that it has never been paid.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, Aug 31st, 1855.

Hon Edisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir

I enclose herewith an arrest in favor of Robert Newell for his services in the Cayuse War, and take this opportunity of returning the papers in this case transmitted to me in your letter of the 17th of March last.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office.
Salem Aug 31st 1855.

Asst Treasurer of the U. S.
New York.

Sir.

I have to request that you caise stay the payment of Treasury draft No 8515 on Warrant No 5244, dated April 30th, 1855, in favor of William Davidson for $576.00, as fraud is alleged to have been perpetrated in obtaining said draft from this office

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem, August 31st 1855.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey,
1st Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir,

Your favor of the 6th ultimo was received by last Steamer.

In relation to an advance of money on account of the Public Buildings to pay the indebtedness which had been incurred up to the time of the passage of the act authorizing the Seat of Government I beg to say that in a communication of the 8th July last I called your attention to an enclosure in my letter to you of the 6th February last concerning said indebtedness; fearing that enclosure may have become mislaid or lost, I will endeavor to obtain another copy and cause it to be forwarded.

In the meantime I would respectfully urge an advance of ten thousand dollars of the appropriation of $25,000, made at the last session of Congress, which will be more than ample to pay for the work actually and legally performed upon the Capitol Building, prior to the passage of the act of selection.

The remaining $15,000, of the appropriation, in case it be expended upon the present building, will insure its perfect completion and afford the Territory accommodations and a lasting structure for the purpose for which it was designed.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry, Govern. of Oregon

[redacted] Office

Salem, Jan 9th 1856.

To the Council and House of Representatives
of Oregon Territory:

I have the honor herewith
to transmit from the Quarter and
Commissary Department of the Territory,

Geo. L. Curry

Hon. Delazon Smith.
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

I have the honor
to transmit for the information of the
Legislative Assembly reports from the Quarter
Master and Commissary Department
of the Territory

Geo L. Curry

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem Feb 12th 1856.

Hon Geo W. Crumpton
Secretary of State. Virginia.

Sir.

I am requested by His Excellency Gov. J. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "11th Volume of Grattan's Reports of the decisions of the Court of Appeals of Virginia" for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor.

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem Feb 12th 1856.

Hon. Ben. Blanchard
Acting Secretary of State, Texas.

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Gov. J. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "12th Volume of the Supreme Court Reports of the State of Texas," for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem Feb. 12th 1856.

Hon W. Pm. Bentham
Secretary of State Alabama.

Sir.

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "1 Copy 26th Volume Alabama Reports" for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem. Feb. 12th 1856.

Hon W. W. H. Davis
Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico.

Sir.

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "One copy of the Council Journal in Spanish and English of the Session commencing June 5th 1854, and one copy each of the Session commencing December 4th 1854," for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem, Feb. 12th 1856.

Hon Alexander Starne
Secretary of State, Illinois.

Sir

I am requested by the Governor Gen L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of the "15th volume of Illinois Reports," for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office.
Salem. Feb. 12th 1856.

Hon Lemuel N. Potter,
Secretary of State New Hampshire.

Sir

I am requested by the Governor Gen L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "one copy Vol 7 Statu Reports, and two copies of the Acts and Resolves of the State of New Hampshire, 1855," for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem. Feb. 12th, 1856.

Hon. John R. Bartlett
Secretary of State Rhode Island.

Sir.

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "1 Chest of the State of Rhode Island," for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem Feb. 12th, 1856.

Hon C. H. Mason
Secretary of Washington Territory.

Sir.

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "1 Copy each of the Laws of the 1st and 2d. Session of the Legislative Assembly — and 1 copy of the Journals of the Council and House of Representatives for 1854-5." for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Feb. 12th 1856.

Hon. W. Hunter
Assistant Secretary State Dpt.

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Geo L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "the 16th and 17th Volumes of Howards Reports." for the use of the Territory of Oregon, - which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servt
Chester N. Terry
Secretary & Ter Gov

Territory of Oregon.
Portland 28th February 1856.

To the President of the United States.

Sir

Herewith
I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of a Memorial adopted by the Legislative Assembly of this Territory at the late regular session of that body

Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office.
Salem, March 25th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury

Sir.

Your favor of the 11th, enclosing Treasury draft in favor of Charles A. Terry and B. F. Harding in satisfaction of their services as Cayuse War Commissioners, has been received.

In explanation, for which you express a wish - in the case of Mr Terry in whose favor there has been two payments, it should be stated that my predecessor, Governor Davis, in his letter to you dated December 21st 1853. - forwarded to the Department an account for Mr Terry's services as Commissioner, embracing a period of service terminating December 1853. The account amounted to $328,00. It became mislaid at the Department and could not be found, and I issued an order dated November 28th, 1855, for said account which has been paid by the draft just remitted. In the Spring of 1854. Mr Terry himself forwarded to your office an account for services as Commissioner from December 1853, to May 1854, amounting to $140,10. which sum was remitted in Treasury draft in your letter to me of September 4th 1854, The payments were perfectly correct.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem, March 26th, 1856.

Gen Joel Palmer,
Supt of Ind Affairs.

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a petition received to day from Charles Belle and sundry other citizens of Benton County, in reference to apprehended depredation by certain Coast Indians. Be pleased through your efficient Agencies to afford such action in the premises as may tend to allay the excitement existing in the minds of that portion of the people of our Territory.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servt,
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office.
Salem. March 26th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey.
First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

I take the first leisure time at my command since the receipt of your favor of the 4th December last concerning the adjustment of my disbursements out of the Contingent fund for the year ending June 30th 1855, to make such explanation in reference to such items as were suspended in that adjustment as I trust will prove satisfactory to the Department.

Vouchers Nos 6, 9, 10, Clothing for riding express &c,- This service was rendered necessary by the massacre of immigrants near Fort Boise 1854, for the purpose of obtaining information to perfect certain arrangements touching for and to protect the remainder of the immigration.

Vouchers Nos 11 and 17 are substantiated by

copies of the advertisement, herewith forwarded as desired. The printing of Lewis's charged in the voucher were for the use of the Office. Commissions &c

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem March 27th 1856.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey,
Fifth Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir,

I herewith enclose 8 awards in favor of that number of Cayuse War Claimants from No. 721 to No. 728 inclusive, with list of names and amount of each award, and the evidence upon which the awards are based, excepting those cases where the evidence was of record and not sworn.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office.
Salem April 2d 1856.

Hon. W. W. H. Davis.
Secretary of New Mexico.
Sir. ...

I am requested by

The Governor Gov. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "One copy in English and Spanish of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the first session of the Legislative Assembly" for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Portland, April 7th 1856.

Hon Jefferson Davis
Secretary of War—

Sir.

My attention has been called to a letter in public print from Major General John E. Wool, to His Excellency Isaac I. Stevens, Governor of Washington Territory, copy of which [illegible] On this remarkable production, my official conduct and the patriotic and self-sacrificing efforts of my fellow citizens, in the suppression of our present Indian hostilities, are alluded to with such perversion of fact as to impose upon me a necessity that, because of the distinguished public services of Gen Wool, in the past, I would gladly have been spared. The Legislative Assembly, at its recent session, adopted, with entire unanimity

a memorial to the President asking the
recall of that distinguished officer from
the Pacific Military Department.
The reasons assigned in that document
have my cordial concurrence, and I
have now, on behalf of myself and
the people of the Territory I represent, to
request for the additional cause hereinafter
assigned, that he be withdrawn from a
position which his prejudices and
indifference to the dangers which threaten
to devastate our settlements have rendered
him incompetent to occupy.
Since the commencement of Indian
hostilities, I have been actuated by the
one purpose of their speedy and complete
suppression. To this end I have directed
all my energies. Help to the arrival
of Gen. Wool in the "Columbia river
and Puget Sound district," the volunteers
and the troops of the United States
had acted in concert, with the utmost
harmony and good feeling. By this
order, the latter were withdrawn from
the field at a season when their service
could have been of the greatest possible
avail - the war in Southern Oregon
maintained by the citizens alone, and
important successes achieved.
Gen. Wool arrived at Fort Vancouver,
Washington Territory, on the 4th December last,
while I was engaged by public duties
in Southern Oregon, at a point over
two hundred miles distant from that
post. On my return I learned from
those representing me, who had made

from an official visit in my absence, the arrangement of affairs utterly at variance with my own, which obviated the necessity of a personal interview. The creation of my Indian remains only in part for time to reconcile,

That these Indians actually were and the necessity for their subjection are matters of record, and may not with impunity be misrepresented, or disputed, directly or by inuendo. She can consider and investigate Indians of Gen. Wool's and Governor Stevens' obstruction in the recent Yakima and bloody massacres at the mouth of Yakima river and at the Cascades, both within convenient distance of Military posts of the United States.

In reference to the statement, information and presumptions as that denying the necessity of fortifications east of the Cascade mountains, I leave the town to refer you to my communication of the 24th of October last, and also to submit the extract from a letter from A. Abbey, Esq., Indian Agent for Oregon, addressed to me under date, Walla-Walla, October 12th 1855.

"I beg leave to draw your attention to the fact of all the Indians north and south of the Columbia, this side of the Rocky Mts. and Spokane having either commenced open hostilities against the whites, or are concentrating their forces for that purpose.

I have just arrived at this place, this morning, from the Dalles, and find the most alarming state of affairs existing as to the friendly relations heretofore existing between the Americans, and Walla Wallas, Pelouses, Nez Perces and Cayuses. I am doing all in my power to check the gathering storm, but can see nothing but a large military force can do any good to keep them in check.

The regular force now in the country, I do not consider sufficient for the protection of the settlers and the chastisement of the Indians. One thousand volunteers should be raised immediately, and sent into the heart of Oregon and Washington Territories.

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"These Indians must be taught our power. They must be humbled, and in all conscience send a force that can do it effectually, and without delay."

This extract is a part only of the information referred to, in my first communication to the Department, as controlling my response to the requisition of Gov. Pain. It is also decisive in the contradiction of the subjoined quotation from the Gen. World's very extraordinary letter:

"For we see not any circumstance to justify Governor Lane in sending his troops from Oregon to Washington Territory to make war on the Walla Wallas from which the Cayuses had no danger whatever to apprehend."

I do not deem it essential to dwell upon the want of geographical knowledge here displayed. The Walla Walla and their allies had given unmistakable signs of their hostility in the annoldering pains of the settlers homes, and by their occupation of the strongholds of the country. Prior even to the 16th of October, the Indian Agent had ordered out all the American settlers from among them, it had been deemed a privilege for Americans to travel through their country without being subjected to indignity and peril. The immigrants to this Territory for several years had complained of their insolence and robberies. Ever since the war waged upon them by the Provincial Government, for the Kalapuya (Willamette) massacre had the Cayuse, a large majority of them at least, manifested an unfriendly spirit towards Americans.

On the 7th of October last, a vigilant officer of the efficient 4th Infantry, thus addressed me: "I have reliable information that the Walla Walla Indians are determined to surrender Gov Stevens and his party, if they can peaceably do so. Their chief ought to be arrested at once." The chief here alluded to is Pen Peu Mox-Mox, for whose death, in an order, disfranchising to traduce our fellow citizens the Volunteers of the 1st Regiment, disparage their services and reproach their humanity, it has excited the ire of General Wool to affect a generous sympathy. I have to state that the death of the Chief occured in accordance with the

strictest usage of civilized warfare. The four days battle of Walla Walla is now fought.
The reports of the officers engaged in that brilliant affair, have been already transmitted.
History could do three brave men justice upon whom suspicion is now sought to be cast. Prejudice and envy have but for a season. The calendar of time will preserve the indestructible truth. The prompt "untimely unproductive expedition" that propitiated a powerful enemy and opened the way for the safe return of Governor Stevens and his party from the Blackfoot Country. As indicated in my last communication the volunteers who constitute the first Regiment in service on the Northern frontier, the Governor by this time, on their return march, suspecting that the U.S. troops have advanced to a position outside the settlements in the Indian Country. I seek to express my acknowledgments for the promptitude with which the 9th Infantry were dispatched by the War Department, and my regret that such extraordinary expedition should have been rendered abortive through the military mismanagement of General Wool.
The most recent information touching the operations of the volunteer forces, will be the subject of another communication.

I have very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Gov. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon.

Territory of Oregon
Head Quarters
Portland 13th April 1856.

Hon Jefferson Davis
Secretary of War.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the reception of your favor of 24th December last. This acknowledgement has been some time deferred in the hope of accompanying it with advices of the arrival of Wool's tactics. They have not yet been received. I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the latest dispatches received from the commanding officers of the Volunteers on the Northern frontier and in Southern Oregon. From these you will perceive that the operations in both are being pushed with commendable energy and perseverance in the face of severe trials and privations, and with gratifying results. By the recent disasters and fatal affair at the Cascades the forward movement of the U.S. troops under Col Wright has been suspended, and the relief of the volunteers on the northern frontier, consequently frustrated. The county of the Walla Walla, Cayuses and Umatillas cannot be evacuated by the Territorial forces until safety to our settlements before it shall be occupied by the regular troops. The result of the rapid advance of the common season when offensive operations against the enemy are of doubtful issue, I have directed the main body of the 1st Regiment and

Battalion of recruits to withdraw from the enemy's country after the termination of the expedition into the valley of the Yakima, leaving a column sufficiently strong on the South side of the Columbia river for the vigilant and efficient occupation of the Walla-Walla Country, until relieved from that duty by the U.S. troops.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Gv. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, April 30th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor, with their enclosures, of 27th February last and the 4th ultimo.

In relation to the adjustment of my account as late Secretary of Oregon, I beg to have it understood that it was not at my solicitation that Gen Lane interposed the Department of Interior Hearts, although I am much obliged to him for his kindly attention, for I never entertained a doubt but that the could represent to the satisfaction of the accounting officers of the Treasury the correctness and propriety of my disbursements

You suggest that I should produce an

account as late Secretary with the least possible delay. Allow me to assure you that I would have done so some time since but for the manifold pressing engagements which have engrossed my attention growing out of the extraordinary condition of affairs existing in Utah and Washington Territories the people of which have been so earnestly and faithfully engaged in the perpetration of Indian hostilities.

Hereafter be pleased to find a statement of my account as late Secretary of the Territory which I trust will be final and satisfactory.

In relation to voucher No 117 Payment to Steamer Cameron for transportation of stationery $4,95 - I have to request that reference be made to voucher No 10 abstract C of account of Secretary Harding for stationery purchased of S. J. McCormick wherein it appears that $4,50 of the amount $4,95 for freight was deducted from Mr McCormick's bill which sum $4,95 was paid by me for freight upon said stationery previously to the rendition of Mr McCormick's bill, and to payment by Secretary Harding

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon.
Executive Office,
Salem June 25. 1856.

Hon Charles Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury

I beg herewith to enclose a communication addressed to you from the late Board of Commissioners for the erection of Capitol Building, touching the claim of Mr. W. Rector for compensation as contractor upon that work. I should state that it was at my solicitation that Messrs Barnum and Ferguson, late Commissioners &c have considered and reported in reference thereto. In justice to Mr Rector it should be understood that at the time of the removal of the seat of government and the subsequent destruction of the Capitol Building by fire, he had nearly or quite completed his contract, As I have previously informed you the removal of the seat of government from this place to Corvallis by act of the Assembly January 16th 1855, caused the total suspension of work upon the Capitol Building. In my opinion Mr Rector is clearly and justly entitled to the compensation awarded by the late Commissioners, and I most cordially concur with them in the decision at which they have arrived. Mr Rector has been an honest and faithful contractor and I can only regret that having performed his duty as such when he shall have been paid what he is now justly entitled to, he will not have received the ordinary profit generally resulting from such service.

May I solicit your immediate and favorable consideration upon this subject, and express a hope that by your permission I may have an opportunity of making this proper and correct payment to

a worthy and upright Citizen, upon the government.

Unimportant official engagements have prevented me placing this matter before the Department at an earlier day as I had been requested to do.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem April 24, 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
Pro Comptroller of the Treasury.
Sir,

I herewith enclose two awards of Cayuse War Claimants Nos 729 and 730, with list of names and amount of each award, and the evidence upon which the awards are based, except the case where the evidence was of record, post Oracle.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office.
Salem May 6th 1856.

Hon David F. Douglas
Secretary of State
California
Sir.

I am requested by the Governor Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "One copy of the 4th Volume of California Reports" for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.

Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon,
Executive Office,
Salem Aug 5th 1856.

Hon. A. Starr
Secretary of State
Illinois,

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor, Geo. L. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of "One Copy of the State Agricultural Report" for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.

Chester N. Terry
Secretary to the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem May 5th 1856.

Hon Samuel A. Patten
Secretary of State
New Hampshire.

Sir,

I am requested by the Governor Gen. A. Curry to acknowledge the receipt of One copy Volume 8th Porter's Reports and two copies of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the session 1855, for the use of the Territory of Oregon, which have been placed in the Territorial Library.

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chester A. Dyer
Secretary to the Govern

Territory of Oregon
Portland 10th April 1856.

Sir:

I have received your communication in relation to the claim of Jesse Applegate Esq for services rendered to the Rifle Co and beg to transmit herewith for your information, a copy of his letter to me under date of 28th ult,

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

A. J. Atkinson
2d Auditor Treasury Dept

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, April 24th 1856.

R. J. Hoffman Esqr
Chief Auditor of the Treasury.

Sir,

The protection of our settlement from Indian hostilities and the suppression of those hostilities have occupied my time and attention so completely that I have not had an opportunity at any earlier day, which I much regret, to reply in detail to the report and decision of the claims incident to the service of Captain Nesmith's company of volunteers in the Rogue River Indian War in 1853, communicated in your communication of the 6th December last.

I take pleasure herewith to accompany the enclosed statement concerning the connection of those claims and about one to assure you that those claimants are not disposed to defraud the Treasury of one cent that is not honestly and justly due.

There are certain leading facts connected with this volunteer service which do not seem to be understood. The companies were organized for the purpose of conveying to the Rogue River valley there a small force of Indian warfare, certain munitions of war furnished by the U. S. Military authorities at Fort Vancouver upon my bond and Captain Nesmith's requisition to enable the people there to successfully repel the attacks of hostile Indians - The United States not having a sufficient force of regular troops

available in this part of the Country for the escort & devoted patriotism & courage to perform that duty.

On the return of the command after having accomplished the object of the Expedition, the horses, arms, equipage and other property belonging to the Government were turned over to me and by my order sold at Public auction. The property was not sold upon a credit as indicated by you in your report to the Hon the Secretary of War, but to such of the several claimants upon the government, as paid or to such persons as chose to buy, and in consequence there was great competition which resulted in higher prices than otherwise could have been obtained.

The amount of property purchased at the sale by each Volunteer was marked upon the flag pole as a stoppage against him, and was deducted from his pay by the Paymaster of the army at the time of payment.

There was no occasion for surprise nor should it be esteemed a circumstance to prejudice the sale of the property that a difference should be observed between the prices paid by the government and those realized at the auction. The horses and mules had performed a rapid march of 600 miles and had become much reduced, the other property that was also depreciated in worth because of its use, and it could not have been expected that it would sell for its original value.

In answer to the inquiry of the Hon the Secretary of War I have to say the [illegible] made on the

for the use and pay of three Indian Boys.
The claims growing out of the services of Capt. Reamers company of volunteers were forwarded in a schedule attached to the muster roll of said company and were certified to by me as correct.
At the time I supposed all had been forwarded and so said, but subsequently a few others were presented which were promptly transmitted and therefore do not appear upon the schedule.
The vouchers or account in support of the schedule were found deficient in form and were returned by you to be amended in what particular was not stated. They were turned over to C.A. Drew who had acted as Quarter Master in Rogue River Indian war, whose forms of accounts for this service appeared to be satisfactory to you as they were being paid by the Treasury Department. It seems however that his arrangement of the accounts has tended only to their embarrassment which is exceedingly to be regretted in consequence of the delay which it has occasioned.
I beg to refer you to my previous communications upon this subject.
I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, April 29th 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

In regard to the Rogue awards in favor of S. B. Knox and Estate of John McCord, deceased, I have to say that the evidence in support of the claims borne upon the Muster rolls of the companies of the 1st Regiment of Oregon Riflemen, authenticated copies of which have been received by the Department, as I have been apprised by your favor of the 19th ult. last ~~[illegible]~~ allow me to refer you thereto.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, Sept 8th 1856.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury,
Sir,

Your favors of the 13th and 18th ult. have been received, in regard to the Rogue War Claim, in which Mr Milton Hale is interested. I will probably acquire the necessary information through Mr Hale whom I shall not get hear from, and be able to communicate the result of the investigation in a subsequent communication.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo. L. Curry.
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, May 1st 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir,

On accordance with the desire of Dr. John McLaughlin, as expressed in the enclosed communication I have to request that the Cayuse War claim award in favor of A. L. Lovejoy, which was assigned by him to Dr J McLaughlin and which the Dept. has declined to pay, may be returned to said Dr John McLaughlin in order that he may have his redress in law against the aforesaid Lovejoy of whom he took the award in Satisfaction of a debt.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office,
Salem, May 6th 1856,

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have to request that Fifteen thousand dollars of the funds appropriated for the construction of the Penitentiary of the Territory be forwarded at the earliest convenient opportunity in drafts on Assistant Treasurer New York of one or two thousand dollars each in order to meet

the demands of contractors upon the work, which will have matured by the time of the reception of the money there. It is confidently expected that the building will be completed by the ensuing winter.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.

Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Head Quarters.
Portland 15th May 1856.

Hon Jefferson Davis
Secretary of War,
Sir,

The operations of the Oregon volunteers on the Northern frontier have been attended with additional and satisfactory success since the date of my last Communication. Having made the entire circuit of the hostile Indian country the 1st Regiment was concentrated by my order at the Dalles, and the main body of it moved in detachments to rendezvous in the Willamette valley where they have been mustered out of service. The delay in the forward movement of the regular troops under Col. Wright occasioned by the disastrous affair at the Cascades compelled the detention in service of the volunteers at the mouth much beyond the time I had contemplated.

I endeavored at length to the best of my ability and extent of the Indian outbreaks, and the imminence of the danger to our settlements on the east side of the Cascades

mountains, the efforts of the U.S. troops are so directed as lead me to anticipate that my fellow citizens of the Southern and may consistently with our security be spared from service. I have made arrangements to maintain a small force for the purpose of guarding the country lying along the Eastern base of the Cascades, as there are many passes available during the approaching season by means of which the populous settlements of the Willamette valley may be readily penetrated, until the country on the South side of the Columbia river is occupied by the regular troops, Prudence dictates that my attention should not be withdrawn from that section of the Territory. The indisposition manifested by those who direct the movements of the regular troops sent here for the protection of our settlements to appreciate the motives by which I have been governed in the organization of the volunteer service, and the want of a cordial cooperation on their part in the prosecution of the campaign against the Commanderies are deeply to be regretted, I cannot however delay my efforts in the faithful discharge of the responsible duties devolved upon me by the existing emergency, Important and highly satisfactory results have been achieved by the Southern regiment. On the instant an engagement occurred between the volunteers under command of Genl Lamerick and the main body of the hostile tribes in that section, at which Conclusion of hostilities in the Rogue river

valley is confidently anticipated.
I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem, March 11th 1856.

Dr. Jno C. Bartlett,
Surgeon General.

Dear Sir.

I have only time to say that since my recent return, I have the Dallas your letters have been received. I have to decline to commission the Assistant Surgeons you have nominated for Portland, Salem, and Corvallis. I cannot conclude that they are required in the service, I am inclined to the impression that you misconceive the spirit of the Military Act passed by the Assembly. Assistant Surgeons who will take the field will be commissioned. I have commissioned Dr Ballard as Surgeon of the 1st Regiment, I shall have to decline to commission Dr Stone as Surgeon of the 2d Regiment, Dr Jno Kenny is the Senior Surgeon of the Regiment and on account of the faithful and important service rendered in the field by Dr Kirk I have authorized a Commission to issue to him as Surgeon also, This will preclude the appointment of any other person as Surgeon, in great haste I remain Very truly Yours

Geo L. Curry

Portland, June 28th 1856.

Gen Joel Palmer.
Supt Ind Affairs.

Dear Sir,

I am about to leave the Territory for the purpose of visiting Washington City. It will be my duty as it will be my pleasure to meet any and all issues that may come up there, growing out of our pending Indian difficulties, wherein the government of Oregon shall be called in question and to hold myself accountable for my official acts. For long years we have been upon the friendliest terms. Your correspondence with Gen Wool indicates an unfriendly feeling on your part towards our people, at once assails their reputation, and strikes at the interest of the Territory in the present war. It would be extremely painful for me to break up our existing friendly relations; but you must easily perceive the natural result. If Washington City shall have to strike at all who are any way agitating. On our last interview you led me to believe that your language in your letter to Gen Wool went further than you had intended, and that you regretted that fact. My desire now is that over your official signature you will so state to the Indian Department at Washington and relieve me from the unpleasant duty of placing myself in a hostile attitude, officially, which I would not extend to a friend.

Be pleased to address me at Washington City under cover to Gen Lane as soon as practicable.

I am very respectfully
Your Obed't Servt
Geo L. Curry

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem May 31st 1856.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir,

Your favor of the 4th inst. has been received. The bond upon which the Cayuse award was based, by Commissioner Rice in favor of S. N. Pettygrove, for $110,17 upon examination I have found among the cancelled Cayuse War Bonds, The original award of which I forwarded a Copy in my letter of the 30 January last probably never reached your office which may account for the non payment, as Mr Foster alledges

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Geo L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office
Salem June 14th 1856,

Col George Wright
Comdg U.S. Troops, Northern District.
Colonel

Letters have been
receiving by some of our citizens, from settlers
in the State, giving the information that

of emigrants— a small train of wagons would leave for Oregon the present season, by the usual overland route, & these emmigrants, started at the accustomed time they will be in the vicinity of Fort Hall about the 10th of next month.

It is, therefore, needless for me to say that the anxiety of these letters fill much concern for the safety of their friends on account of the pending Indian difficulties.

I deem it my duty to request that you will be pleased to afford all such assistance and protection which may be in your power, to afford them against Indian depredations, and facilitate their arrival in our settlement.

To this end I beg to suggest that a force of U.S. troops— one Company, at least, of dragoons if possible— be ordered forward to Fort Hall at Fort Boise.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Superintendent of Indian Affairs
Executive Office
Salem June 30th 1856

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Sir

I herewith enclose four awards of Cayuse War Claimants No 731 to No 734 inclusive with list of names and amount of each award, and the evidence upon which the awards are based, except the case where the evidence was of record not furnished

I am very respectfully Your Obt Servt
B. F. Harding
Asst Adjutant General Oregon